

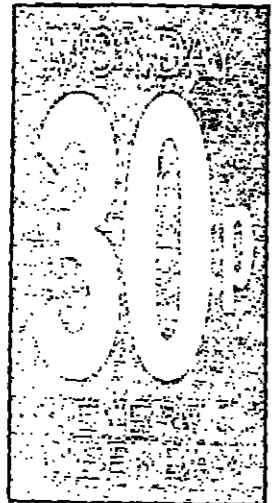
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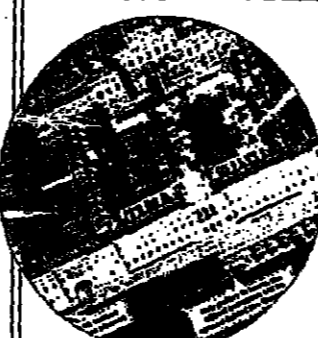
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## Alert over Drumcree march move

# 1,000 extra troops sent to Ulster

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN EXTRA 1,000 troops have been drafted into Northern Ireland to contain any violence that could follow an announcement today about the re-routing of next Sunday's hugely-contentious Drumcree parade.

The independent Parades Commission may bar the Orange Order from marching along Portadown's predominantly-nationalist Garvaghy Road because of widespread rioting in 1996 and 1997.

Such a ruling would enrage loyalists, who would see it as another appeasement of nationalists, and further undermine David Trimble after his divided Ulster Unionist Party's disappointing performance in the assembly elections.

Mr Trimble warned the Commission yesterday against "foolish decisions" and demanded that Sinn Féin's leaders should "call off" nationalists who were threatening violence against the marchers. "The republican movement is not delivering the peace that we wanted," he complained.

Seamus Brennan, the Irish Government's chief whip, also hinted that the parade should be allowed. "We have to give Trimble some support, given the outcome of the assembly elections," he told Dublin's *Ireland on Sunday* newspaper. "It's important he is not given a bashing over Drumcree this year and left on his own, considering the election outcome."

The UUP won 28 of the 58 Unionist seats and the pro-agreement Progressive Unionist Party two. Anti-agreement Unionists led by Ian Paisley and Robert McCartney also won 28, and at least two of those elected under the UUP's banner sympathise with their views. To implement key provisions of the accord, Mr Trimble needs 40 per cent of the Unionist bloc - 24 votes.

Mr Trimble's room for manoeuvre was further limited when Jeffrey Donaldson, a prominent UUP MP, threatened to lead disgruntled members out of the party if it let Sinn Féin join Northern Ireland's new government without any IRA disarmament.

Tony Blair and Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, both put the best gloss on the results, arguing that Mr Trimble had secured a workable Unionist majority.

The Prime Minister was said to be "very confident" about Northern Ireland's future, but he nevertheless warned Mr Paisley against trying to wreck the assembly's work.

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A Downing Street spokesman said he was planning to telephone the Democratic Unionist Party leader "to point out that 75 per cent of the electorate voted for parties who support the agreement and want the assembly to work."

Another setback for the peace process was the failure of the Ulster Democratic Party, which represents the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, to win any assembly seats.

Gary McMichael, its leader, gave a warning that his influence would be diminished "if we have loyalists who feel detached from this process and feel betrayed by the Parades Commission".

An army spokesman said the extra troops had been drafted in "as part of a number of prudent and responsible security measures to ensure we remain capable of providing the support required to the Royal Ulster Constabulary during the marching season".

Two battalions were transferred from Britain last week and one arrived from Germany earlier this month. An additional 39 Saxon armoured personnel carriers and a number of logistical support vehicles have also been deployed.

The extra troops are part of the 17,000 officially allocated to Northern Ireland even though they are based elsewhere.

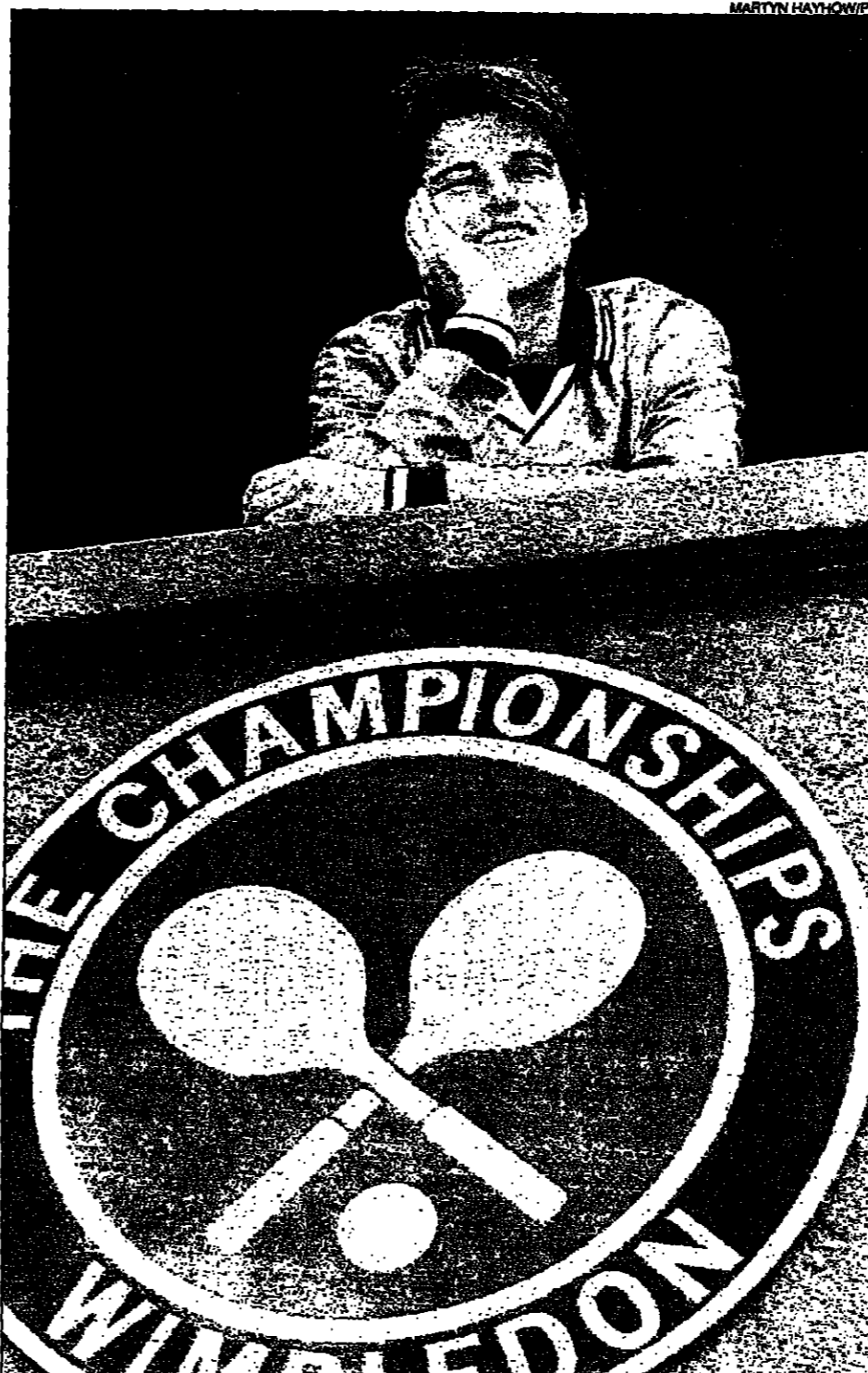
The police will be on high alert throughout the province because today's decision will inevitably anger one community or the other. Two re-routed loyalist marches passed off peacefully yesterday, but nationalists clashed with police during an Orange parade in West Belfast on Saturday.

The Parade Commission's ruling has the force of law, but the 60,000-strong Orange Order has refused to have any dealings with the body.

Mr Trimble, who seems certain to be elected Northern Ireland's First Minister when the assembly meets for the first time on Wednesday, predicted a "bumpy ride" for the new body, but insisted the problems were surmountable.

John Taylor, the UUP's deputy leader, said his party would continue to spurn Sinn Féin because "Mr Adams has not said the war is over and he still has a stockpile of firearms ready to shoot us again".

John Hume, the nationalist SDLP leader, was deciding over the weekend whether he or his party's deputy leader, Seamus Mallon, would be Deputy First Minister.



Samantha Smith wearing an England football shirt at Wimbledon yesterday

## Shy star of Wimbledon

By DEBORAH COLLICUTT

SAMANTHA SMITH, the surprise star of Wimbledon who beat the No 8 seed, Conchita Martínez, to become the first British woman to go through to the fourth round since Jo Durie in 1985, has forbidden her family and friends from coming to the tournament to watch her play.

Smith, 26, who is unseeded and ranked No 94 in the world, is unable to concentrate on her game if she knows her parents are in the crowd.

"I have spoken to my mother about it and all my family and friends are happy to watch it on television," said Smith, who plays her first match on a show court against the French No 16 seed, Nathalie Tauziat, today.

Smith, who turned professional in 1990 and comes from Loughton, Essex, lost the first set 2-6 but took the next two 6-3, 7-5. The footballer Paul Ince, who shares her agent, kept up a commentary on her game for colleagues in France.

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## Golden goal saves France from early World Cup exit

By ADRIAN LEE

FRANCE became the first team in World Cup history to win a game under the new golden goal rule when they beat Paraguay 1-0 yesterday.

Laurent Blanc scored the sudden death winner with just eight minutes left of extra time to secure France's quarter-final place.

Tournament organisers had changed the rules for this World Cup to encourage teams to go for a win during the half hour of extra time rather than relying on a penalty shoot-out.

In last night's other game, Denmark beat Nigeria 4-1.

The relief at the hosts' progress after a lacklustre performance was tempered by trepidation about what England's fans might do to their next venue, St Etienne. Fans were told last night that they will be able to drink all day in the town before their showdown with Argentina tomorrow. British security chiefs are dismayed that there will not be an alcohol ban.

With only 2,049 tickets on sale for England supporters there are bound to be thousands of frustrated fans locked out and marooned in the town.

Police advisers believe the prohibition on alcohol imposed by authorities in Lens last week helped to reduce the violence at England's qualifying match against Colombia.

In Marseille, scene of the worst rioting, bar owners were criticised for serving alcohol around the clock to fans who were already drunk.

Bars will shut in St Etienne and neighbouring towns at 11pm tonight and the same time after the match.

The Prefect of the Loire region, Jean Yves Audouin, said a complete alcohol ban would be too difficult to enforce and he was determined that St Etienne should not become a "dead town".

Up to 30,000 England fans are expected in the town and about 5,000 from Argentina, some of them known to be hooligans looking for trouble. More than 1,500 police will be on duty, compared with 900 for previous matches. The match will not be shown on a giant screen but a concert in the town centre will go ahead.

## Falklands to see Argentina clash

THE World Cup clash between England and Argentina tomorrow will be screened all over the Falklands, (Chris Broadhurst writes).

At the Upland Goose Hotel in Port Stanley, interest in the World Cup is high. Audiences of 150 to 200 have been gathering in the bar, which has two large television sets for live coverage. Matches are also shown in the grounds on a large screen under a tarpaulin shelter. A hotel spokesman said: "We're having a ball. This is a big event. Everybody's having a party."

The Falklands are still the least likely place in the world to find Argentina supporters.

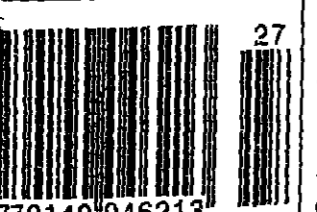
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## Heavier car tax plan for cities

By VALERIE ELLIOTT AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MOTORISTS living in urban areas would have to pay a higher car tax than those in the country under a plan being studied by ministers.

The French-style system of a regional car tax, designed to discourage motorists from towns and cities, could be ready for announcement later this year.

Ministers are to have consultations over proposals to charge varying amounts depending on the engine size of the car. But Whitehall officials are also attracted by the French system, under which regions vary charges, with some taking an aggressive stance in taxing large or heavily-polluting cars.

In France annual car tax for a small car in the Marne, just outside Paris, is FF140 (£15), while in the capital it is FF224. The money raised is retained within the region.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, is anxious to create a closer relationship between money paid by motorists and the transport benefits they see locally. Regional variations to the £150 car tax could coincide with the introduction of regional number plates, announced this month and expected to be introduced from 2001.

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"On the bright side the regional car tax is very cheap"



Sir Alf: architect of 1966 World Cup victory

## Alf Ramsey in hospital after stroke

SIR ALF RAMSEY, England's most celebrated football manager and mastermind of England's 1966 World Cup success, was resting in hospital last night after a stroke.

His wife, Vickie, was with him at Ipswich hospital, Suffolk. Sir Alf, 78, suffered the slight stroke on June 9, when he was admitted to hospital.

An FA official said: "We are hoping that an England victory against Argentina will be the perfect tonic for him." When England's game with Argentina ended in near riot during the 1966 campaign, Sir Alf referred to the Argentinians as "animals".

## Viagra will not be NHS pleasure pill

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NIGEL HAWKES

MEN hoping to boost their sex drive by obtaining Viagra on the National Health Service face disappointment. The drug that has taken America by storm will not be allowed to become a "pleasure pill", senior government sources said yesterday.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, confirmed that the treatment for male impotency was likely to be available on the health service if it was cleared by safety bodies. But the Government would advise doctors and hospitals that it should be strictly prescribed for "sound clinical reasons" rather than simply to improve sexual performance.

Men who asked their doctors for Viagra "because they have lost a bit of zeal" should not think they would succeed, he told BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost*.

His remarks are the first indication that Viagra will be tightly controlled. There have been fears that the NHS would be bankrupted if it were freely available. If it were prescribed to all who needed it, the cost would be billions of pounds. But doctors' leaders said the drug would be far easier to obtain through private practice if people paid.

In America, 1.7 million prescriptions were written for Viagra in the two months after its launch last March. It retails there for about £6 per pill.

The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products is at present studying the drug. In a preliminary report, it said it had received a "positive opinion" from experts. The drug could be available on prescription by the autumn.

The Government is concerned that all safety implications are carefully examined. In America, the drug is said to have claimed 24 lives - eight during clinical trials and 16 since it went on sale. British doctors seem certain to insist that it is not prescribed to men with liver diseases and low blood pressure, or those who have had a heart attack or a stroke.

The British Medical Association welcomed controls and Ann Widdecombe, Shadow Health Secretary, said Viagra was not an NHS priority.

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# Bonus-row water company faces strike over pay scheme

By Philip Webster  
Political Editor

YORKSHIRE Water, the company at the centre of a new boardroom pay dispute with the Government, is facing industrial action from 3,000 staff.

to impose a performance-related pay scheme on staff. The company yesterday defended the bonuses, saying they were necessary in order to attract and retain the right calibre of director. But they have given added ammunition to Mr Brown and Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, as they consider new laws to increase the powers of regulators to penalise privatised utilities.

to order cuts in charges if they felt the board had abused its responsibilities. Yorkshire Water's chief executive Kevin Bond, 47, has been awarded an extra £55,000 on top of his basic salary of £185,000. He also receives benefits in kind worth £58,000. Jonson Cox, the managing director, has received benefits worth £16,000 and a bonus of £41,000 on top of his £135,000 salary. James Newman, the finance director who has only been with Yorkshire Water since January 5, has received a bonus of

£10,000. A company statement said yesterday that the rises were "in the best interests of both customers and the standard of the service they receive and shareholders in relation to returns that they receive". It added: "To deliver better standards of service and fair returns, we have to pay competitively. Our policy on directors remuneration packages was set last year following a detailed review and is around the market average for equivalent jobs in comparable companies in the sector.

We believe that we have a remuneration policy which will enable the company to attract, retain and motivate people with the skills and experience to manage a business of the size and complexity of Yorkshire Water." The increases are unlikely to go down well with the company's 2.5 million customers, who have seen charges rise since privatisation. In 1995, some customers were forced to collect water from standpipes in the street during a 15-month drought during which thousands

of gallons were wasted from leaky pipes. Since September, the company has been trying to introduce a performance-related pay scheme which has been rejected twice in ballots. John Kidd, the convenor at Yorkshire Water, who is also Unison's national water group chairman, said: "On Friday we informed the company we are to hold a strike ballot in three weeks' time." Under the plan, staff will get an additional bonus of £400 if they

sign up to the scheme by July 7. The union is recommending the employees not to accept the company offer and asked the constituent unions - Unison and GMB - to implement industrial action ballot procedures. Dave Mitchell of Unison said: "This dispute is no longer just about pay, it's about the future of collective bargaining in Yorkshire. We cannot accept a situation where the company goes behind our backs to the workforce whenever we disagree with them."

# Hague is urged to plan peers reform

By James Landale, Political Reporter

WILLIAM HAGUE receives two calls from within Tory ranks today to end his party's support for hereditary peers and to put forward proposals for an elected House of Lords. Many Tory peers and grandees believe that the party should oppose Labour's plans without putting up any alternative. But many younger Tory MPs believe that the party has an opportunity to wringfoot Labour by being the first party to suggest detailed plans for an elected second chamber.

forming the Lords: A Conservative Approach. Andrew Tyrrie, MP for Chichester, warns Mr Hague that the party will have no credibility with the electorate if it opposes Labour's two-stage plans without putting forward any ideas itself. He says that Labour would be able to claim that the Tories were simply defending the hereditary peerage.

A Tory plan for a single-stage reform to create a substantially elected House would have wide public support and would damage Labour, he says.

Mr Tyrrie's paper is the first to be published by the new Conservative Policy Forum, an internal policy unit, and is distributed by Central Office. But Tory officials denied that the paper in any way represented the direction that the party leadership was taking.

Liam Fox, the Tory constitutional spokesman, welcomed Mr Tyrrie's pamphlet as a valuable contribution to the debate. "I hope that many others will make a similar contribution," he said. "We will make judgments on this matter at a time that suits the Conservative party."

Nick Kent, a vice-chairman of the Tory Reform Group, also calls today for a party-elected second chamber in a pamphlet entitled *Enhancing our Democracy: Reforming the House of Lords*. He argues for a 350-strong second chamber with greater powers, made up of about 160 elected peers, 91 appointed peers and smaller groups of bishops and other religious leaders, law lords, and some representatives from Britain's former colonies.

He writes: "The need for an effective, credible second chamber able to make the government of the day stop and think has rarely been more necessary in our history. The Conservative party ought to seize the moment."

## Fears for sight led to surgery

DOCTORS performed an emergency operation on William Hague last week because they feared his condition could develop into an even more serious illness, with possible damage to his eyes (Philip Webster writes).

The Tory leader's aides, who are hopeful that he will be able to attend Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday, said a combination of blocked sinuses and upper respiratory infection had given doctors cause for concern. Mr Hague was at his constituency home in Yorkshire over the weekend and spent much of the time sleeping.



Flower people: at UK National Day at Expo '98 in Lisbon yesterday, street-players representing a couple and their child greeted the Prince

## Daffodils welcome Prince to Expo '98

IT APPEALED to the Prince of Wales's sense of humour - and, in any case, he has been said to enjoy communicating with plants.

Yesterday he was greeted by street-players from the Natural Theatre Company with daffodil-filled flowerpots for heads during UK National Day at Expo '98 in Lisbon. He encountered the performers, sporting the flowers of Wales, after he had toured the British pavilion at the Expo site.

The Natural Theatre Company performed a strange piece of street theatre. One sketch involved the elegant family with flowerpots instead of heads, two police officers in a passionate embrace and a group of pointy-headed aliens puzzled by the concept of shopping.

The Prince attended also an Expo Royal Gala, where the actress Julie Christie was the narrator. The band of the Royal Marines staged a military tattoo. The Prince was also a dinner guest of President Jorge Sampaio of Portugal at Belem Palace.

A Midsummer Fire Festival fit up the Lisbon night, featuring a torch-lit procession led by burning wicker figures, and British DJs celebrated the best of the UK club scene.

## Dispute threatens to disrupt rail services

By Claudia Joseph

RAIL services face disruption today as thousands of maintenance workers begin their second strike this month over pay and conditions. Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union predicted delays and cancellations after they walked out at midnight last night for a week-long strike.

Jimmy Knapp, the RMT general secretary, said he expected the strike to be solidly supported. He said the union had recruited 900 new members since the dispute started. The 10,000 railmen are demanding more pay, more

sociable hours, moves towards a 35-hour week, paid meal breaks, better sick and holiday pay and improved job security.

But Railtrack said only a third of the union members at seven of the nine-subcontractors which maintain the network are going out on strike. It says the privatised maintenance companies have organised contingency measures to cover emergency call-outs, repairs and routine safety inspections. They have also employed four helicopters, with heat sensors, to detect problems on the line.

spokeswoman said: "We would expect disruption to be minimal. Contingency plans have been put in place by our maintenance contractors. We have no reason to expect that delays because of infrastructure problems will be any worse than normal."

The last four-day strike by the union over the weekend of June 19 to 22 did not run as smoothly as expected. Tens of thousands of travellers and more than 150 trains faced long delays in sweltering temperatures on the Sunday after a loose connection in a signal box.

## Prescott threat to quit RMT

By Philip Webster

JOHN PRESCOTT has angrily threatened to resign from the union to which he has always belonged after it threatened to cut off financial support to him over his plans for the London Underground. The 60,000-strong Rail Maritime and Transport Union last week threatened to cut General Election campaign contributions to MPs amid fears that the Tube plan unveiled by Mr Prescott

would hit jobs and wages. The union's annual policy-making conference in Carlisle passed a resolution asking the RMT executive to write to MPs and call on them to fight the Underground policy - or see election contributions axed.

A spokesman for Mr Prescott confirmed that he was one of the RMT MPs and received a contribution paid to his constituency party of about £200 a year. But Mr Prescott, who is also Environment Secretary, said he would have "no

qualms" about resigning from the RMT if the plan was carried through.

Mr Prescott said: "There is no system for unions to sponsor MPs any more - any financial contributions are made directly to the Labour Party and are for strictly limited purposes. However, I cannot allow any doubt that such a resolution could be used to seek to influence me."

"I will have no qualms about resigning from the union."

## Gardeners get back to nature

By Carol Midgley

THE most risqué recording to date of *Gardeners' Question Time* was completed yesterday in the company of 200 nudists.

The gardeners, who also happened to be members of the Naturists' Foundation, braved persistent showers to sit naked before the expert panel of Pippa Greenwood, Eric Robson, Nigel Colburn and Bob Flowerdew.

The BBC were yesterday coy about releasing details of the recording but it is understood the panel elected to keep their clothes on. Plants of a prickly nature were banned.

Trevor Taylor, producer of the Radio 4 programme, said: "*Gardeners' Question Time* goes wherever there are gardens. It was fitting that the 200-strong audience appeared in their birthday suits, as the programme was there to help celebrate the Foundation's 50th birthday."

The recording was at the foundation's headquarters in St Mary Cray, southeast London. Pippa Greenwood said: "It was a fantastic recording, even though we had to dodge the showers."

## Dobson predicts waiting lists fall

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

HEALTH service waiting lists have started to fall for the first time since the election, Frank Dobson asserted yesterday as Tony Blair promised a substantial increase in spending over the next three years.

The Health Secretary, who is expected to win at least £10 billion extra for health when the comprehensive spending review is announced next month, predicted that the 137,000 rise in waiting lists was about to be reversed.

He suggested that the figures for the second quarter of 1998, due to be released at the end of next month, would show a fall on the record figure of 1.29 million at the end of March and that the Government would go on to meet its election pledge of cutting lists by 100,000.

Mr Dobson again accepted responsibility for the lengthening queues, saying it was because the Government had decreed that available resources should be concentrated over last winter on dealing with emergencies. Speaking on BBC's *Breakfast* with Frost Mr Dobson said: "We are determined to get them down and I believe that as we sit here they are now coming down. That's what the figures will show when they are published."

The Health Department, however, declined to give any further information on details.

A source close to Mr Dobson said last night that he was "fairly confident" the trend had turned. When the last figures were released they showed that the list of people waiting more than 18 months had been virtually cleared and that there had been a big reduction in those waiting for more than 12 months. The next figures are expected to show that kind of improvement throughout the lists.

Mr Dobson and the other spending ministers meet Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling, the Treasury Chief Secretary, this week to discuss the three-year allocation of resources for the NHS.

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Harrison: relapse into smoking habit

### I feel fine after cancer scare, says ex-Beatle Harrison

By Guy Walters

GEORGE HARRISON, the former Beatle, spoke yesterday about winning his battle against throat cancer.

He was given the all-clear last month after weeks of radiation therapy on a cancerous lump in his neck.

"I was very lucky because it didn't go anywhere," Harrison, 54, said. "All it was was a little red mark on my neck."

He noticed the lump when he was gardening last July. It was removed at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, in August. Two weeks of radiation treatment followed at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

"The lump was basically a disruption to the cell," he said. "I got it purely from smoking."

"I gave up cigarettes many years ago but had started again for a while and stopped in 1997."

"Luckily for me, they found that this nodule was more of a warning than anything else. There are many different types of cancerous cells and this was a very basic type."

Harrison visited the Mayo Clinic in the United States twice this year for further check-ups.

Now that the cancer is behind him, Harrison is at work on a new album. "Maybe I'll record a track called *Radiation Therapy*," he said.

# Alaska ordeal soldier home to a warning

THE SOLDIER who survived four days on North America's highest peak after being injured in a fall was reunited yesterday with his wife and children and told: "Don't go up that mountain again."

Sergeant Martin Spooner, 35, had earlier said he still wanted to conquer Mount McKinley in Alaska — despite enduring icy temperatures and 75mph winds. But his wife, Beverly, and children Gemma, 11, and Rhys, 13, made their feelings clear when he arrived back at Gatwick yesterday.

Mrs Spooner, 33, hugged and kissed her husband and said: "I don't want him to go near Mount McKinley. I know he would probably make it, but I don't want him to go. It turned out to be a bad experience. I know they are safe now, but there was an accident."

Gemma said: "I wondered if Daddy would be safe. I wondered if he would be alive."

Sergeant Spooner, of the Army Physical Training Corp, who is based in Crickhowell, Mornmouthshire, was a member of an eight-man team climbing Mount McKinley as part of an Army exercise. The expedition went wrong at over 19,000 ft — just three and a half hours from the summit — when a rope parted and Sergeant Spooner tore ligaments in his ankle.

His colleague, Corporal Carl Bougourd, 35, opted to stay with him while the others went for help. Bad weather left

## Sergeant who survived icy four-day ordeal on mountain must give up climbing bid

them trapped on a narrow ledge until a helicopter could reach them.

First it dropped survival suits used to airlift people on board in rescue operations. "About 2.40am they made a final pass and picked us up and took us straight off," Sergeant Spooner said. "We had to grab on to each other and away we went. It was quite a rush."

The two were taken to a hospital in Anchorage where Sergeant Spooner was released after treatment. Corporal Bougourd, of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, is still being treated for frostbite in Anchorage.

Sergeant Spooner said yesterday that they never gave up hope. "There was no negativity," he said. "It was just a waiting game." He said they were not frightened and added jokingly: "There were no bears up there."

Sergeant Spooner said he was pleased to be back in

Britain. "It is brilliant, fantastic." He and Corporal Bougourd talked about family and friends to keep themselves going and to keep their spirits up as they got colder and weaker. They built a snow wall to try to protect themselves from the elements.

He flew back to Britain yesterday with other members of the team who helped in the rescue. Team leader Captain Justin Featherstone was on crutches after breaking his leg as he helped another member of the team down the mountain.

Captain Featherstone, 28, from Bushey, Hertfordshire, said: "It was an accident on a mountain. There was nothing in the planning and execution of that that we could have done differently. There are no heroes, but everyone in the team performed fantastically well to help one another."

Captain Featherstone, who has climbed Mount McKinley once before, insisted that every member of the team had got something out of the experience. "I have benefited and I think everyone here would agree that they have benefited, however small or great."

He praised the Canadian Rangers who came to their help and the treatment from doctors. Lieutenant Colonel Mark Rayner, commanding officer of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, was at the airport to meet the team. He said he was pleased to see them back and relieved at the outcome.



Sergeant Martin Spooner is greeted by his wife and children at Gatwick yesterday

## Third team joins race to orbit world in balloon

By A Correspondent

THE race to be first to circle the globe in a balloon intensified yesterday when an Anglo-American team launched an ambitious attempt to secure a place in the history books.

The three-man team of experienced balloonists aims to set off from New Mexico this winter on their venture, called *Spirit of Peace*. They will be backed up by an extensive support crew on the ground.

Flying at altitudes of up to 42,000ft, they will use a combination helium gas and hot air balloon built by Bristol-based Cameron Balloons.

The balloon envelope stands 165ft high and has a 100ft diameter. It holds 550,000 cubic feet of helium and 24,000 cubic feet of hot air. Led by pilot-in-command Jacques Soukup, a United States citizen living at Lacock in Wiltshire, the men will live in a pressurised capsule just 15½ ft long and 7½ ft high.

The balloon is expected to reach speeds of up to 220mph as it soars into the powerful jet streams high above the earth's surface. Outside temperatures will fall as low as -57C. Announcing the venture at Lacock, Mr Soukup said: "We are not underestimating the challenges and dangers we face. It will be a struggle against nature, the elements and technology, but we believe it is a mission which is possible due to the outstanding group of experts we have assembled."

The expedition is one of six attempts at circling the globe non-stop by balloon announced this year, including the *Virgin Challenger* and *Breitling Orbiter* bids. Mr Soukup added: "We wish our fellow challengers the very best, but hope and pray the *Spirit of Peace*, with its desire to promote the pure delight and sheer pleasure of ballooning above a diversity of cultures, religions and political systems, will be the first."

The other two team members are pilots Crispin Williams, a former RAF Navigator from Langford, Somerset, and Mark Sullivan, from New Mexico.

## Second disinfection for liner after bacteria find

A SECOND disinfection of the drinking-water system on a cruise liner began at Greenock on the Firth of Clyde yesterday after it was discovered that two former passengers had contracted legionnaires' disease.

The passengers, one of whom travelled on the SS Edinburgh Castle in April and the other this month, have recovered, and Castle Cruising, the ship's owners, said it had already

been disinfected in Liverpool earlier this month. While no link with the ship has been proved, Direct Cruises, which leases the ship from Castle Cruising, said the second disinfection is being carried out to reassure future passengers and satisfy Inverclyde council's environmental services department.

All passengers and the 400 crew were given advice on the symptoms of the disease, and told to seek

attention urgently if they developed a fever, cough, diarrhoea, headache, confusion or shortness of breath.

Rick Green, operations manager of Direct Cruises, said that after technical problems with earlier tests, further tests were carried out in Greenock. When the local authority received the results from Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, last Wednesday, they showed levels of legionella bacteria which caused concern. The

following day the water on board was heated to ensure 95 per cent of the legionella present was destroyed. Bottled water was made available to each of the passengers.

Plans were then drawn up by the council's incident control group to oversee the disinfection of the entire water system.

The tanks and pipes were flushed with a solution of chlorine dioxide for four hours before being flushed and

the treatment repeated. The vessel will set sail once rigorous treatment process is completed successfully. Mr Green said he did not yet know how much the overall cost of the deep clean operation would be.

Dr Peter Christie, of the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health, said the risk of further outbreaks was very low.

Compensation of up to £500 is being offered for cancelled bookings.

## Prince wants to skip school for 'the beautiful game'

PRINCE Harry wants to join the fans descending on St Etienne for England's crucial World Cup encounter with Argentina tomorrow.

The football-mad prince, who was seen leaping out of his seat when England scored in Lens last week, asked his father if he can miss another day of school to catch the match.

The Prince of Wales has never pretended to be a devotee of what his son believes is "the beautiful game" but he pointedly sent England coach, Glenn Hoddle and the players a congratulatory note after their win over Colombia.

Hoddle said the players were thrilled at the royal presence and Prince Harry is now seen by many as an unofficial mascot of the side after sporting a England scarf during the match.

Buckingham Palace sources said security advice must be taken and the royal diaries checked before any decision is made.

Prince Charles is due back home today after an official



Prince Harry watches England and Colombia

visit to Portugal. One engagement that Prince Harry has this week is to visit the grave of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, with his brother William.

The princes could make their trip as early as today.

It is not known whether their father will accompany the boys on their private visit to Althorp before the estate is

opened to the public on Wednesday. The uncle, Earl Spencer, will row the young princes across the lake at Althorp to the island where, in strict privacy, they can place flowers on the unmarked grave.

It will be the first time the two boys have been to Althorp together since their mother's funeral. Both the Palace and Earl Spencer denied yesterday there was any rift after he cancelled a visit last week because Althorp was overrun by arrangements for the weekend pop concert which raised over £200,000 for the Diana memorial fund.

The trip is likely to be either today or tomorrow.

A Palace spokesman said last night: "This is something the princes want doing in strict privacy so there will be no details given about who will accompany them or what they will do at Althorp."

Last week Prince Charles had intended to fly by helicopter from Highgrove with Prince Harry and meet his elder son at Althorp.

The princes asked for the visit before what would have been their mother's birthday on Wednesday. They will be in Balmoral with their father and other members of the royal family for the anniversary of her death.

At Althorp they will also be given a tour of the museum dedicated to Diana's life, which includes keepsakes from their childhood and memorabilia taken from their former home at Kensington Palace.

The exhibition has been divided into seven themes, including Diana's place in the Spencer dynasty and her family's traditions and links with royalty. The section called "Independent Woman" charts her life from her school days to the years after her divorce.

The theme of her as wife and mother includes the 1981 wedding dress. The next room celebrates the unique impact she made on the world and there is a moving tribute to her funeral. The biggest exhibit involves her humanitarian work.

## Fans resigned to black market sales as FA appeal secures 30 extra tickets

FROM ADRIAN LEE IN ST ETIENNE

ENGLAND fans have been offered 30 extra tickets for the game against Argentina tomorrow after the Football Association appealed to World Cup organisers.

The decision to allocate 2,079 tickets means that thousands of fans will again turn to the black market, where prices yesterday reached £700 a ticket. The FA said yesterday, after talks with the organising committee (CFO), that there was no hope of securing more tickets. Argentina will get the same amount.

Kevin Miles, of the Football Supporters' Association, said: "It is disgraceful but not surprising after what has happened so far. Yet again, genuine fans will have to scramble for tickets and pay over the odds."

The first 200 fans holding vouchers for tickets began arriving at the 36,000-seater Geoffroy Guichard stadium yesterday afternoon. The extra 30 will be allocated to the names at the top of the waiting list

held by the Football Association. First in line was Barry Tracy, 40, a rail worker from Herne Bay, Kent. He said: "I have been following England for ten years so I feel I deserve this."

Also in the queue were Jackie and Richard Painter, both nurses from Hull, who are on honeymoon. They married on June 6 and set off for the World Cup the next day with tickets for four England games. Paul Adams, 24, from Hornchurch, Essex, and Stephen Mockridge, 33, from Ashton-under-Lyne, who have attended every England away game since 1992, also secured tickets. Their travels have taken them to China, Hong Kong, Moldova and Georgia in recent years. They have been home twice during this World Cup to go to work.

The FA said it had been able to secure extra tickets for England's first round games because opposing teams had not taken their full allocation. The Argentine FA has taken its full complement. Up to

10,000 Argentina fans were in Toulouse for the first-round game against Japan but about half have gone home. A handful of Argentina supporters were in St Etienne yesterday. Gustavo Duguech and his friend Prospero Barriomeudo, both 22, from Tucuman, were hunting for tickets. But with only £100 each, they were not hopeful.

"It will be the match of the tournament," said Snr Duguech. They bought black market tickets for two earlier games but were priced out of the market for their team's game against Japan by rival supporters prepared to pay up to £1,000 a ticket. They did not fear hostility by England fans. "We have already met some and they were singing and dancing with us," said Snr Duguech.

A CFO worker was being questioned yesterday about the theft of 50 VIP tickets for England's game against Colombia.

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# Academy aims to show nursery care is not just child's play

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN  
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PUTTING childcare on a par with such professions as nursing and teaching comes a step closer today with the creation of a playcare professional body and the first awards recognising excellence in the field.

The Play Academy, created by the childcare charity Kids Club

Network, aims to alter the public's perception of play workers from amateurs "kicking a ball around" to qualified professionals fulfilling a pivotal role in child development and education. Anne Longfield, president of the charity, said that she hoped the academy would help to improve the status and pay of people looking after children while their parents were at work. "It is one of the most responsible jobs

you can have. Most parents know that. We now want the rest of the world to recognise it too," she said. The inauguration of the academy comes during huge expansion of the childcare sector. The Government's National Childcare Strategy includes creating out-of-school places for up to a million four to 14-year-olds. The number of playschemes and out-of-school clubs will need to rise from 3,500 to

30,000 within five years and the number of qualified playworkers from 11,000 to 100,000. Career support, training and qualifications for those caring for school-age children are basic, patchy and ad hoc. Fewer than 50 colleges run playwork training. Rates of pay are kept low to keep childcare affordable. As a result, a play and childcare career has not been a

realistic option for many wishing to work with children. Ms Longfield said that the academy would provide information and advice about training and will work with educational establishments to produce courses. A BA honours degree in playwork is in its final stages of development at the Metropolitan University of Leeds and a postgraduate course is being written. The academy aims

to promote research on childcare and playwork, and will set up a helpline offering support and career advice. The importance of high quality playworkers and childcare is underlined by a Gallup survey, commissioned by Kids Club Network and published today. The survey of 676 parents shows that 26 per cent saw staff qualifications as the most important factor when selecting

childcare, closely followed by experience (24 per cent) and personal references (24 per cent). Only 9 per cent said that cost would be the deciding factor. To coincide with the inauguration of the academy, Kids Club Network will present the first Playworker of the Year Award tonight at a ceremony in London attended by Cherie Booth, QC, the charity's vice-president.

# Students asked to declare their criminal pasts

UNIVERSITIES are attempting to tighten campus security by demanding that students declare any criminal convictions before they are considered for a place.

The requirement has been introduced for entry to next year's courses after a series of attacks by students with criminal records. After a serious sexual assault in Southampton, for which a student was jailed for life, the trial judge criticised the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service for failing to vet candidates. However, civil liberties groups and student representatives say the move is unfair for reformed offenders, while those who pose a real danger are likely to slip through the net.

Sixth-formers and mature students, currently filling out application forms, are being asked to declare any conviction, apart from the least serious motoring offences. The information will be passed on to universities and colleges, who will decide whether to take the information into consideration.

Tony Higgins, the Chief Executive of Ucas, said previous applicants had been asked to declare "any material information", a category which included serious criminal convictions. However, a review of procedures following the judge's criticism had concluded that a more precise requirement was needed.

Mr Higgins said: "It will be up to individual institutions how they use the information

**John O'Leary reports on plan by universities to tighten up security after campus attacks**

prevented from leading a normal life. This does not seem an effective safety measure in any case: if someone is intending to offend, they are hardly likely to tick a box on a form." Liberty, the civil rights group, said students could not normally be required to declare spent convictions. A spokeswoman said: "Asking all applicants to declare all convictions, no matter how minor, will not ensure students' safety, has no relevance to the academic ability of those concerned."

Independent schools head teachers are also concerned. Philip Cheshire, the headmaster of Warwick School, said: "This is straying into areas of privacy and it is difficult to see what universities will do with the information in most cases."

Thousands of applicants will have something to declare. More than a quarter of young men have a conviction by the time they are 21, and a majority of students in higher education are now older than this when they begin courses.

In the Southampton University case, which prompted the change, Lawrence Willoughby, 43, enrolled for a degree only eight months after leaving prison. He had a string of convictions for offences including kidnap and assault. Within weeks, he had attacked an 18-year-old student. The university said it had no way of knowing about his criminal past.

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Festival-goers trudge through the mud at Glastonbury yesterday. Organiser Michael Eavis has promised to improve drainage at the farm

# Not drowning but raving at Glastonbury

BY MARK HENDERSON

THE sun beamed down on Glastonbury yesterday as crooner Tony Bennett serenaded 100,000 people — young and old — at one of Britain's biggest music festivals. The sunshine was more than welcome after heavy rain on Friday evening and Saturday turned the festival fields into a Woodstock-style mud bath for the second year running.

However, organiser Michael Eavis denied yesterday that wet weather had dampened the revellers' spirits: "Wherever I go, and I've been out in

the mud myself, the calibre of the people that come here means they can rise above it for some strange reason," he said.

"I've seen thousands and thousands of people and they're all shining and they're having a good time. The thing that makes me carry on is the feedback from the audience — that's all that matters. I've never in 23 years had such good feedback as this year."

He promised more site improvements to prevent a repeat of the boggy conditions which drove many fans to leave early. Gags began to appear in

campsites as early as Saturday morning. "The real problems have all been to do with drainage," he said. "There's a lot of clay soil here and it holds water. Nothing drains out, so you get these huge wet basins."

Heavy mud in front of the stages caused several injuries on Saturday night as fans surged towards the front. Blur had to stop playing to ease the crush in front of the main pyramid stage, and problems were also reported from Underworld's set. None of the injuries were said to be serious.

There were 169 arrests, 81 for drugs

offences, and 678 reported crimes, of which 560 were thefts of or from tents.

Whatever the difficulties, they have not dampened Mr Eavis's enthusiasm: "It will happen next year for sure," he said. "The farm recovered last year and it will recover this year. Things have actually been better this time because the rain only started in earnest once everybody was on site. There will definitely be Glastonbury next year."

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# Diane Blood tells of joy at pregnancy by dead husband

By RUSSELL JENKINS

THE widow who fought a long court battle for the right to have her dead husband's baby spoke yesterday of her delight at finding herself pregnant.

Diane Blood, 31, said she was dismayed that the news had leaked out so early in the pregnancy but it was a "great, great feeling" to be carrying the child that she and her husband had planned before his death. She did not say when she had conceived but said the baby was due next year. At a hastily arranged

press conference Mrs Blood, who was forced by law to have fertility treatment abroad, said that she was only "part of the way" towards her goal of starting a family. "It is a great, great feeling for me. As you know, I was trying to start a family before my husband died."

"It is a fantastic feeling to be pregnant. It is still very early days. I am still very nervous at this stage. I am keeping everything crossed and praying everything goes well and that next year I give birth to a healthy baby."

Her legal battle to become

pregnant began in February 1995 when her husband Stephen contracted meningitis. Married for four years, the couple had been trying for a baby and, before her husband died, Mrs Blood asked doctors if sperm could be taken. She wanted to use the sample to conceive but the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority objected because she had not received her husband's written consent.

Refusal spurred Mrs Blood into long and emotionally draining legal action to be allowed to take the sperm abroad in order to undergo

fertility treatment banned in this country. The Court of Appeal decided in February 1997 that she did have the right under European law. A Belgian clinic, the Brussels Free University, agreed to carry out insemination.

She learned officially that she was pregnant following a test conducted by her fertility doctor. But, the family said, it was only confirmed in a number of further tests. "Obviously I was absolutely over the moon," she said.

"I found out quite early on. There were lots of hugs and kisses. We were all very

pleased. Everybody is always very pleased when they find out a member of their family is pregnant."

Flanked by her parents and in-laws, she smiled throughout the short press conference held in a public house on the outskirts of Worsop, but she had not planned to release the news that she was pregnant. It appeared to have been leaked quite innocently to a journalist by medical experts at a conference of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology held in Sweden. Mrs Blood had informed only close members of her family of her secret.

She said: "It is still early days. Sooner or later it would have become obvious I was pregnant but I rather wish it had not been sooner. I am still at the stage of hoping everything continues to go well."

She and her husband had chosen a name for a girl but not for a boy, but she declined to reveal the name yesterday.

She said she hoped that the ethical debate that threatened to submerge her chance to become pregnant under a mountain of expensive legal briefs is over.

"I thought the subject had been argued to death already," she said. "It would be naive if I believed that it was ever going to go away completely."

But I believe that everything that can possibly be said on the subject was said during the court case. I cannot think anybody can possibly have anything else to add to that."



Diane Blood yesterday: "I am still very nervous" she said after the news was leaked

## Baby news will please many doctors

ALTHOUGH the medical profession supported the concept that the informed consent of a diseased husband should have been obtained to his stored sperm being used posthumously to impregnate his wife, many within it will be pleased to hear that Diane Blood is pregnant. So great was the evidence that the late Stephen Blood had intended to start a family, and such was the support of their relatives in his widow's quest for a baby, that many believed that an exception should be made in her case.

Professor Ian Craft, of the London Fertility Centre, said: "I am delighted — really thrilled — to hear the news. Mrs Blood is a very nice, very



sincere woman and an entirely reliable witness. Although the baby will be without a live father, the whole family will rally round and bring the child up."

Mr Blood's sperm was collected as he lay unconscious, dying of meningitis. It was obtained by electro-ejaculation. In this procedure an electrode is placed in the rectum where it delivers a current which stimulates the pelvic nerves which control ejaculation. Two specimens

were donated at 24-hour intervals and immediately frozen.

Although the quality of sperm delivered by electro-ejaculation may be poor, as for instance when derived from men with long-term spinal injuries, in Mr Blood's case, as he had only been ill for 24 hours, the sample would have been normal.

The doctors which method had to decide which method of artificial fertilisation would be the best to ensure impregnation. The Belgian doctors

opted for intracytoplasmic sperm injection — ICSI — a process pioneered in Belgium whereby a single sperm is injected into an ovum. ICSI has a success rate higher than standard in-vitro fertilisation.

The team usually create two or three embryos for implantation. As Mrs Blood is 33, her ova are presumably still in good order; a woman's ova usually start to deteriorate at a slightly older age. There is no reason why the pregnancy should not go to term; in all probability only one baby will continue to grow. Mrs Blood can expect to have a normal, healthy baby.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

## Store's rubbish tipped customer over the edge

By CLAUDIA JOSEPH

A WOMAN was unrepentant last night after she was given an absolute discharge for tipping rubbish over the delicatessen counter her local Co-op store.

Kay Burke emptied a bag of liner over the display of cold meats after a ten-year battle with the shop in Poole, Dorset, about rubbish blowing into her garden. Mrs Burke, 50, a catering assistant, admitted causing criminal damage worth £175 at Poole Magistrates' Court, but was given an absolute discharge.

After the hearing on Friday, she said: "I don't regret what I did for a second, even though I was arrested and had to spend four hours in police cells. I acted out of frustration and finally snapped after our complaints had been ignored for so many years."

Her husband, Christopher, 52, said: "My wife is a very determined woman. Once she



Burke: absolute discharge

is pushed to the limit, there's no stopping her. I'm very proud of her."

The court heard that Mrs Burke had been spotted collecting rubbish outside the store on May 21 by a security guard who had followed her into the store. Mrs Burke had asked him why the store was prepared to pay for a guard but not a cleaner.

Paul Griffin, for the prosecution, said the guard had seen Mrs Burke, a mother of two, empty the bin bag over the display, damaging cold meats worth £175.

When challenged Mrs Burke said: "I don't give a damn" before marching out of the store. She was later interviewed by police. "The defendant answered the door saying 'I have been expecting you,'" said Mr Griffin.

Lesley Beverley, for the defence, said that rubbish from the store had been blowing into Mrs Burke's garden for a decade. She had complained to the store and the environmental health department on many occasions.

"She did take the appropriate steps. The problem is that the appropriate steps had got her nowhere."

Mrs Burke was given an absolute discharge by magistrates because of the provocation she had suffered.

The Co-op store refused to comment.

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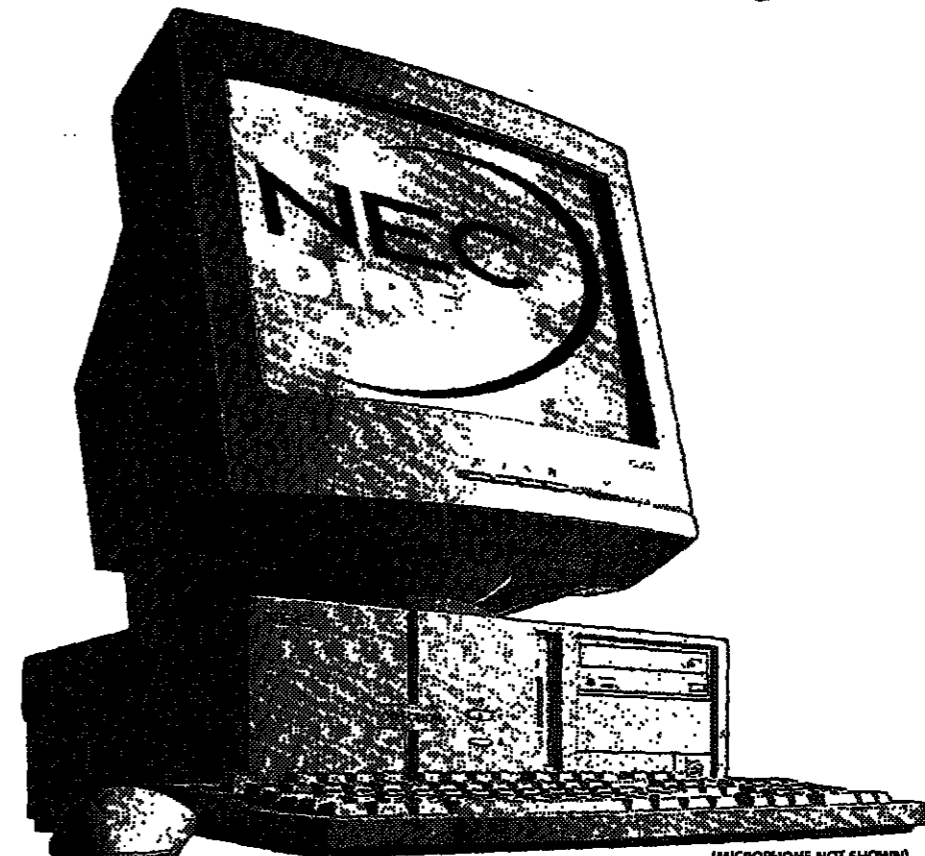
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# Anger at Church ban on 'miracle worker'

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

PILGRIMS and shopkeepers are joining forces in the west of Ireland to protest against the decision by the Roman Catholic hierarchy to stamp out the cult surrounding a housewife who claims to be in direct contact with God.

People flocking to see Christina Gallagher on Mayo's Achill Island say the Church misunderstands the "miracle worker". Business people say the island's economy will collapse without the 10,000 annual visitors to the island and both groups are petitioning the Archbishop of Tuam, the Most Rev Michael Neary, to lift his ban on Mass and confession in Ms Gallagher's "House of Prayer".

Ms Gallagher, a mother-of-two from Mayo, claims to receive messages from God, see visions of the Virgin Mary and bleed from her feet. People come from as far away as Australia to see her, and claim she has made the blind see and the crippled walk.

An entire industry has built up around her and her prayer

house, a former Sisters of Mercy convent taken over by Ms Gallagher in 1993. The Church initially approved of her plans but now believe she is out of control. A commission set up in 1996 by Dr Neary to investigate Ms Gallagher concluded that she held a deep and genuine faith but produced no evidence of visions or

Local businesses cannot wait that long, however.

The pilgrims generate about £500,000 each year for the 3,000 people on the island. Ms Gallagher employs about 15 people at the prayer house and dozens more run the local restaurants, hotels and bed and breakfast houses. "In the past there was only one way to

Local businesses cannot wait that long, however. Pilgrims are furious with the Archbishop's decision and, while collecting holy water in plastic milk containers, pledged to force him to reverse his decision.

"What does it matter, for God's sake, where you are praying as long as you are praying?" said Pauline Smith, from Kildare.

Father Edward Murphy, who secured the Archbishop's permission to say Mass in the house at the weekend, said: "Dr Neary has to cover himself and protect the spirituality of the people. He cannot be responsible for exposing them to false claims."

But Ms Gallagher is adamant that she is caring for the public spirituality. "I have been stopped and I am seeking to understand why," she said. "The people who come here need their sacraments of confession and Mass. Until I understand why, I am suffering another form of the time Jesus Christ spent on the cross."

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stigmata. Dr Neary has now decided to ban all confessions in the prayer house and send pilgrims to Mass in the local parish church.

He will allow Mass in the house only in certain circumstances. "The Church must allow time to test the merit of Christina Gallagher's claims. We will see how it is living up to the claims in 10 or 20 years' time," said Father Kilcoyne, a spokesman for Dr Neary.

find work on this island and that was by getting out," said Mairtin McCreal, the island butcher. "Now for the first time we have real work all year around and the Archbishop wants to take it away."

The numbers of pilgrims are already falling. Only about 50 people turned up to pray on Saturday, compared with about 200 last month when Mass was allowed. Hotels and bed and breakfasts



Christina Gallagher, who says she hears messages from God, greets pilgrims at her Achill Island prayer house

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## Man held after race cyclists die in hit-and-run

By Audrey Magee

A MAN was being questioned yesterday about a hit-and-run accident that left two cyclists dead and seven injured as they returned to Belfast at the end of a cross-border cycle race.

Mark Wilson, 30, from Dundrum, Co Down, and Michael McElroy, 28, from Castlewella, Co Down, were killed when a car collided with nine cyclists on the outskirts of Newry. The other seven men were very badly injured, one of them critically.

The men were among 3,000 competitors taking part in the last annual Co-Operation North "maracycle" between Belfast and Dublin. They were returning to Belfast on Saturday at the end of a 200-mile round trip when a car crashed into the race north of Newry.

The driver fled the scene, abandoning his car 1 1/2 miles from the accident on the Ballybaugh Road. Witnesses saw him running across the fields and after a hunt using sniffer dogs and a spotter plane, a man was found on Saturday night under a hedge. He was taken into custody.

"We are terribly shocked and saddened by what has happened," said a Co-Operation North spokeswoman.

The "maracycle" started in

Belfast on Friday morning when half of the competitors cycled to Dublin. The remaining 1,500 from Dublin linked up with Northern Irish competitors and cycled north on Saturday morning. The nine men were in the last 100 of the race when they were hit by the car from behind.

"The sad thing was this happened on a fairly safe part of the route. We have been worried about the cyclists leaving and arriving in Dublin where traffic is very heavy but Saturday afternoon in Northern Ireland is usually a very quiet time for traffic," said the spokeswoman.

Co-Operation North had grown increasingly worried about the traffic dangers and had decided to make this year the final race. They assigned 100 marshals to alert and divert oncoming traffic.

A number of cyclists petitioned the organisation to abandon yesterday leg of the race back to Dublin out of respect. The organisation offered alternative transport arrangements, but only 25 cyclists took up the offer and dropped out of the race. The remainder cycled back to Dublin, holding a minute's silence before their departure.

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# Old foes gather to construct a peaceful future

THE Northern Ireland Assembly will meet at Stormont for the first time on Wednesday, and a more disparate group of people would be hard to imagine.

The 108 members will include a peer, a knight, barristers, clergymen, university lecturers, former members of the security forces, three survivors of terrorist attacks, and no less than eight former terrorists. The Rev Ian Paisley and Robert McCartney, the Democratic Unionist and UK Unionist leaders who walked out of the Stormont peace talks last July before Sinn Fein were admitted, will finally come face to face with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness.

Of the 18 Sinn Fein members, one has a job outside politics, and they will all be giving their salaries to the party. The DUP have the only husband-and-wife team, Peter and Iris Robinson, and the only father-son team, the Paisleys. There will be 14 women.

Three of the 108 have held government office before: John Hume and Eddie McGrady, of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. The Northern Ireland Office is offering the rest seminars on governance.

The former convicted terrorists include Sinn Fein's Gerry Kelly, given life imprisonment in 1973 for the Old Bailey bombing, and David Ervine and Billy Hutchinson, of the Pro-

**Assembly will include clerics and ex-terrorists reports Martin Fletcher**

gressive Unionist Party. Mr Ervine served five years for transporting a bomb, and Mr Hutchinson 15 years for murdering two Roman Catholics. At first the Assembly will meet in Stormont Castle Buildings, the ugly office block where the Good Friday accord was hammered out. Unionists want it home to be Stormont Parliament Buildings, the neoclassical edifice that housed the Province's last government before its suspension in 1972, in front of which stands a statue of Lord Carson, the founder of modern Unionism. Nationalists consider the place tainted and have proposed a new building on the site of Belfast's old gasworks.

The Assembly's first task will be to elect a presiding officer or Speaker, followed by a First Minister — who will be David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader — and a Deputy First Minister — who will be Mr Hume or Seamus Mallon, the SDLP's deputy leader. Over the summer the two

will set up an executive consisting of themselves and up to ten ministers with portfolios distributed according to party strength. The UUP and SDLP will probably have three posts each, Sinn Fein and the DUP two each if the latter chose to take them. Whether the Alliance Party or the UKUP will be given posts is not clear.

By October 31 this transitional administration must have agreed 12 areas of cross-border co-operation with Dublin, at least six of which would require the setting up of all-Ireland implementation bodies operating under the auspices of a North-South ministerial council.

The Assembly and executive will exist in shadow form; real power will be transferred to it from London next year. It will have full legislative and executive authority in the fields currently administered by the Northern Ireland civil service — agriculture, economic development, education, environment, finance, and health and social security.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will retain responsibility for security, policing and other matters. She envisages her ministerial team shrinking to one or two next year, and many of the civil servants whose jobs came with the imposition of direct rule will be going home.

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A boy marches with Orangemen on the Ormeau Road in Belfast yesterday

## Priest named as IRA go-between

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic priest turned film-maker was named yesterday as the link in secret contacts between the IRA and the British and Irish Governments.

Speculation has been rife for many years about the identity of a person acting as a conduit to the IRA. The *Observer* yesterday reported that Denis Bradley was the link for 20 years and the author of the famous message on behalf of the IRA that initiated secret talks: "The war is over and we need your help to end it."

The newspaper claims that Bradley was one of three members of Link, a secret liaison group. One of the three negotiated with the British, one with the IRA and Bradley with both. His involvement was confirmed by Albert Reynolds, the former

Irish Prime Minister, who said that Bradley made a very significant contribution. The priest was drawn into the Troubles in 1972, when he administered last rites to three men fatally injured during Londonderry's Bloody Sunday riots. He conducted the marriage between Martin McGuinness and Bernice Canning in the early 1970s and remained in contact with republicans, helping to set up the 1974 and 1994 IRA ceasefires.

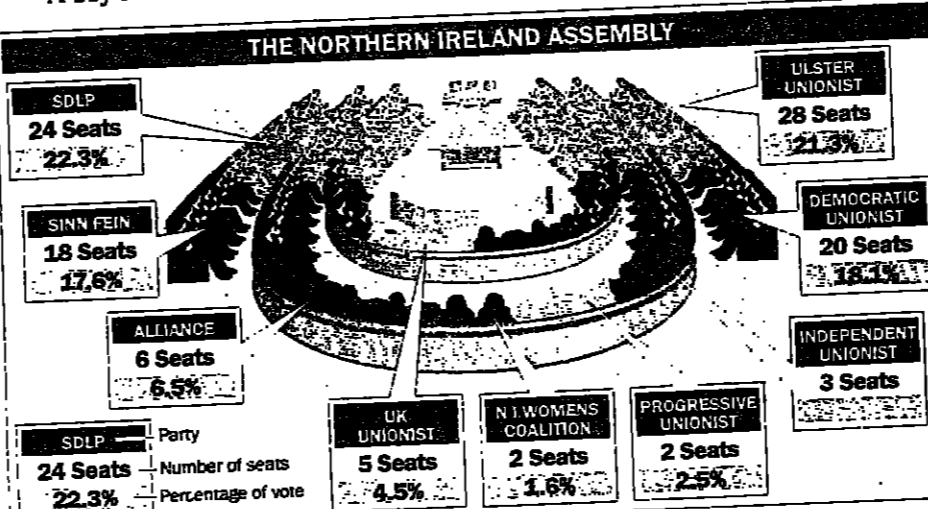
Bradley, who declined to comment on his reported involvement, is now married with three children and lives in Londonderry. He has just finished making *Sunset Heights*, a film about a man who works with paramilitaries on both sides to find peace in Northern Ireland.

## Nationalist poll wins set records

THREE records tumbled in Northern Ireland's assembly elections. John Hume's SDLP became the first nationalist party to win the most votes in a province-wide election. Sinn Fein won its highest, and the Ulster Unionist Party its lowest, percentage of the overall vote since the partition of Ireland in 1920 (Martin Fletcher writes).

In fact the SDLP's 22 per cent of the first-preference votes is well below its best. It won 24.1 per cent in last year's general election and 28.9 per cent in 1994's European election.

It came first only because the UUP's vote slumped. David Trimble's party won 21.3 per cent compared to 32.7 per cent in the general election. The reasons are obvious. The party is divided about a peace accord that provides for the release of terrorist prisoners and Sinn Fein's participa-



tion in government without guaranteed disarmament by the IRA. Many supporters either stayed at home, or switched to Unionist candidates opposed to the accord. Sinn Fein was the real success story. It achieved 17.6 per cent of the first-preference votes. Well-financed, tightly-disciplined and highly-motivated, it has inched its vote up in almost every election this decade from a base of 10 per cent.

### THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

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Sean Neeson (Alliance)  
David Hilditch (DUP)  
Ken Robinson (UUP)  
Danny O'Connor (SDLP)  
Roger Hutchinson (UKU)
  - ANTRIM NORTH**  
The Rev Ian Paisley (DUP)  
Ian Paisley Jr (DUP)  
Sean Farren (SDLP)  
The Rev Robert Coulter (UUP)  
Gardiner Kane (DUP)  
James Leslie (UUP)
  - ANTRIM SOUTH**  
Jim Wilson (UUP)  
Wilson Clyde (DUP)  
Norman Boyd (UKU)  
Donovan McClelland (SDLP)  
Duncan Shipley-Dalton (UUP)  
David Ford (Alliance)
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Lord Alderdice (Alliance)  
David Ervine (UUP)  
Sammy Wilson (DUP)  
Reg Erney (UUP)  
Ian Adamson (UUP)
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Alban Maginness (SDLP)  
Nigel Dodds (DUP)  
Gerry Kelly (SF)  
Billy Hutchinson (UUP)  
Fred Cobain (UUP)  
William Agnew (UUP)
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Michael McGimpsey (UUP)  
Alasdair McDonnell (SDLP)  
Mark Robinson (DUP)  
Esmond Binie (UUP)  
Mrs Carmel Hanna (SDLP)  
Prof Monica McWilliams (NI Women)
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Gerry Adams (SF)  
Miss Sus Ramsey (SF)  
Miss Bairbre De Brun (SF)  
Alex Atwood (SDLP)  
Alex Maskey (SF)
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Robert McCartney (UKU)  
John Gorman (UUP)  
Alan McFarland (UUP)  
Mrs Eileen Bell (Alliance)  
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Ms Jane Morrice (NI Women)
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Eddie McGrady (SDLP)  
Mick Murphy (SF)  
Dermot Nesbitt (UUP)  
Patrick Bradley (SDLP)  
Eamon O'Neill (SDLP)  
Jim Wells (DUP)
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Tommy Gallagher (SDLP)  
Sam Foster (UUP)  
Gerry McHugh (SF)  
Ms Michelle Gildermew (SF)  
Maurice Morrow (DUP)  
Mrs Joan Carson (UUP)
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John Hume (SDLP)  
Mitchel McLaughlin (DUP)  
Mark Durkan (SDLP)  
John Tierney (SDLP)  
William Hay (DUP)  
Mrs Mary Nellis (SF)
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David McClarty (UUP)  
John Dallat (SDLP)  
Arthur Doherty (SDLP)  
Mrs Pauline Armitage (UUP)  
Boyd Douglas (Unionist)
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Seamus Mallon (SDLP)  
Paul Berry (DUP)  
Danny Kennedy (UUP)  
John Fee (SDLP)  
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# Businesslike Britain impresses Brussels

BRITAIN hands over the helm of the European Union to Austria this week after a six-month turn in the presidency that became a modest success and did much to convince a sceptical Continent that Tony Blair wants to be a full player in the European game.

The consensus among European politicians is that Britain's first turn in the chair since John Major's unhappy spell in 1992 was workmanlike but unremarkable, if only because there were no new treaties or other big issues for decision. Niels Helveg Petersen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said: "It has been efficient, but this has not been a dramatic time — more a question of follow-up."

After a bumpy start, in which Mr Blair and his team annoyed their partners with claims to be crafting a "people's Europe" with a British agenda, ministers steered the Union competently through its business, running an efficient, though controversial, foreign policy and hitting a string of British targets.

These included the imminent end of the beef ban; a deal on sharing out EU cuts in greenhouse gas emissions; a code of conduct on arms sales, albeit watered down; a ban on tobacco advertising with an exemption for Formula One sponsorship; a ban on "wall of death" drift nets; and a directive ensuring conditions for zoo animals. Britain's close ties with Washington, which caused EU friction when Mr Blair sided unreservedly with President Clinton over Iraq, helped the Commission to resolve a longstanding trade quarrel with the Americans.

In a final, unglamorous achievement last week, Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, conducted a four-day negotiating marathon that hammered out a farm package for the next year and closed a long dispute over the banana trade.

Two unquestionably historic steps — the go-ahead for

After initially ruffling feathers,

Blair's EU stint achieved solid

results, reports Charles Bremner

monetary union and enlargement of the EU to the east — were taken on Britain's watch but these had been long set in train. The start of the entry process for Central Europe and Cyprus was stained by the failure to offer consolation to Turkey, but British diplomacy could do little in the face of intransigence from Greece, Germany and others.

The nearest that Mr Blair came to failure was the Brussels euro summit in May. Although the trouble came from President Chirac's obstinateness on the European Central Bank, the Prime Minister was widely deemed to have mishandled the session, which he later acknowledged to have been "a mess".

He redeemed himself with a smooth summit in Cardiff that put off until next year a mountain of painful decisions on spending reform, but which achieved a new harmony among Britain, France and Germany on the need for scaling down the Union's ambitions.

With some agreement from the rest of the EU, the Prime Minister and his team believe the presidency, always an unwieldy and largely thankless chore, has helped to promote a new tone that focuses on the need for British-style structural reform and flexibility on the Continent.

The EU now agrees that this is vital to harness the euro in the cause of employment. However, the Government acknowledges that the new outlook was emerging without British prompting.

By the end of the presidency, Mr Blair had toned down the triumphalist tone that had ruffled continental feathers at the outset with the glitzy

launch from the Waterloo Eurostar station.

After a year of European experience, the Government accepts more openly that Britain's absence from the euro, the Union's most ambitious project, brings an inevitable loss of influence.

The biggest tactical mistake, in the view of EU diplomats, was Mr Blair's unsuccessful fight to block the "euro X" council, which is coordinating policy in the 11-nation euro zone. The least glorious image for Britain came earlier this month, when Gordon Brown was whisked out of the grounds of a Luxembourg chateau after what was seen as an attempt to "gatacrash" the euro council's first meeting.

EU leaders are delighted by Mr Blair's high opinion of the monetary scheme and by the enthusiastic way in which

British ministers have thrown themselves into EU business. The Blair aura is still the envy of other leaders, especially in France, where the Prime Minister's speech in French to the National Assembly was a spectacular public relations triumph.

As Mr Blair put it in Cardiff: "The long years in which it was always Britain in disagreement with everyone else are over." Most of the rest of the EU now expects Britain to join the euro, but they contrast Mr Blair's warm rhetoric with the lack of any British rush to start preparing for use of the currency.

Taking up Austria's first presidency since it joined the EU in 1995, the Vienna Government says it has learnt from Britain the dangers of setting too high expectations. German elections in September have effectively put on hold all serious EU business, leaving Vienna with little more than a holding job until the crunch arrives next spring, under a German presidency, for the decisions on reshaping the Union's core programmes.



Star turn: Blair at the Cardiff summit, which achieved new harmony between Britain, France and Germany.

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# Memory man takes the Gospels to heart

A CHURCHGOER is planning to set a new world record and raise £1,000 for charity by reciting all four Gospels from memory.

David Bathurst, a magistrates' clerk in Chichester, West Sussex, has been learning the Gospels by heart on his daily 15-minute bicycle rides between Fishbourne and Chichester. After six years he has memorised all four and will next month put his memory to the test in a ten-hour recitation at the 12th-century Boxgrove Priory church near Chichester.

"I learned my first Gospel, Mark, in 1993," he said. "I was motivated by the fact that I have always had a good memory, and felt I would be able to absorb something like this."

"I took one chapter a week and tested myself as I went through. I did Luke's Gospel in 1996. I did so many verses every lunch hour. I did John's Gospel last year, learning 20 verses each day before I started work."

"Doing Matthew's Gospel this year, I have been learning two chapters a week and meanwhile have been refreshing my memory by recit-

Clerk is aiming for a record with recitation of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, writes Ruth Gledhill

ing the other three Gospels as well."

Mr Bathurst, 38, who once applied to the Church of England to be ordained but was not accepted, added: "My wife thinks I am completely mad and lots of other people do as well but I find it very moving and uplifting. The more I read, the more I learn."

"It is fascinating to learn where expressions such as 'the blind leading the blind' and 'the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing' come from."

His skill has already been put to good use by his local vicar. He was asked to recite selected passages from St John's Gospel by heart in Boxgrove Priory on Good Friday. "A lot of people afterwards said how valuable they found it that someone could communicate the gospel without anything getting in the way," he said. Mr

Bathurst discovered at the age of ten that he had an unusual memory, when he was publicly tested by his school head teacher after he memorised details from a football album. He can list sporting facts without difficulty, such as every winner of the FA Cup or Wimbledon for the past 25 years.

He finds his gift particularly useful in court, when he can often recall previous charges or convictions against a defendant without referring to records. He can also advise the magistrates on the precise detail of entire sections and subsections of obscure laws from memory.

However, although he has never forgotten his wife Lizzie's birthday or their wedding anniversary, he has trouble when it comes to remembering more immediate details, such as his shopping list for that day. "I'm quite capable of coming

home from the supermarket without the cat food," he said.

He will start his recitation at 8.45am on July 18 and continue, with short breaks between Gospels, until 7.15pm. Members of the congregation have volunteered to act as prompters and scrutineers.

Mr Bathurst said he has found no record of anyone reciting all the Gospels from memory. A Church of England spokesman said: "After having spoken with older priests as well as the church's national enquiry centre, no one can recall anyone doing such a feat within living memory. Everyone thinks this is remarkable and we wish him Godspeed."

A spokeswoman for the Guinness Book of Records said there was no record of such a feat, but that they were interested in inserting it as a new record.

"We are potentially interested and are considering the possibility of creating a new category for him. But we have to research our files and draw up new record guidelines. As soon as these are drawn up we will be contacting Mr Bathurst."



David Bathurst at Boxgrove Priory in Sussex, where he will recite all four Gospels from memory on July 18

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## Dome guard to keep watch on millennium site

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Correspondent

SCOTLAND YARD is mounting a permanent river watch on the Millennium Dome site to prevent terrorist attacks or suicide bids by cult members.

Police fear that the site will be a target for extremists seeking publicity. There is also concern that religious cults which see a special significance in the dawning of a new millennium might attempt to carry out some form of ritual.

The perimeter of the site will be tightly guarded on land but the Yard has also examined the possibility of an attack from the river. As Thames police celebrated their 200th anniversary at the weekend, claiming to be the oldest police force in the world, senior officers were completing their plans for a 21st-century task.

The unit will provide a 24-hour patrol. High-speed boats from the Yard's 16-strong Thames Division fleet will stand by in the run-up to the millennium celebrations. Extra patrols will be on the river as 2000 dawns and armed units will be on call.

A team of sniffer dogs has been taught to work from patrol boats and officers have been trained to abseil down wharves and piers in search of explosives. The boats will be

linked to the Yard's helicopter patrols.

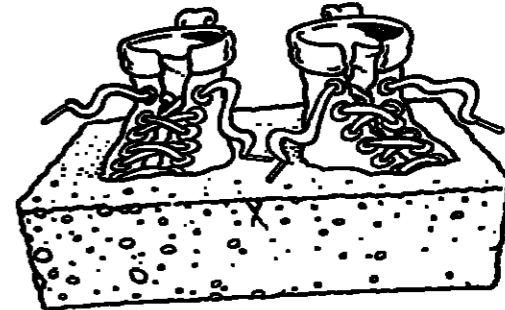
A similar anti-terrorist patrol operates outside the Houses of Parliament and the headquarters of M15 and M16, which face the Thames. Police boats intercept 30 to 40 ships a month, checking for links to arms or explosives smuggling.

Chief Inspector Tom Pine, head of the division, said: "Planning for the millennium is looking at the risk from fringe terrorist groups and even cults trying to climb on the bandwagon. You could get people linking hands, jumping in and trying to commit suicide." He added that one barge could carry far more explosive than several lorries.

Mr Pine said there was concern at the large number of people who would use the river to reach the Dome site or who would take to the river during the new year celebrations. A riverbus service starts next year, with four boats each holding up to 350 passengers.

Amongst the police patrol boats will be a new £150,000, Finnish-built vessel capable of 41mph - a long way from the river force's creation in 1798, when it was equipped to fight waterfront crime with rowing galleys and cutlasses.

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# Foreign firms move in on the Square Mile

City's diversity makes it popular, says Richard Miles

FOREIGN companies will own more than half the property in the City of London by 2025, according to a report published today.

Nearly 20 per cent of office space in the Square Mile is owned by overseas firms, but their share is forecast to grow rapidly with the advent of the European single currency.

In *Who Owns the City?*, Professor Andrew Baum and Dr. Colin Lister, from the University of Reading, reveal that Germany is the biggest single foreign owner of City property, followed by Japan and the US. Virtually all of these overseas firms are in the financial, insurance or property sectors. The City controls about £500 billion of foreign-owned investments.

"In terms of overseas ownership, London is the only true world city in Europe. Neither Frankfurt nor Paris come close, where overseas ownership of offices is estimated at under 5 per cent," say the report's authors.

In the past, foreigners were principally attracted to London because of its reputation for religious tolerance but

today's companies are likely to be far more impressed by the number and diversity of its financial institutions.

The so-called "agglomeration factor" creates a huge pool of skilled labour, the lifeblood of the financial world. Commerzbank, one of Germany's biggest, has chosen London as the platform to expand its investment banking business because of the wealth of expertise.

However, the report, commissioned by Development Securities, a UK property company, emphasises that foreign firms are also drawn to London because of language — English is the lingua franca

of modern business — social amenities and cultural heritage. Ask a banker who has spent a wet evening in Frankfurt which city he prefers.

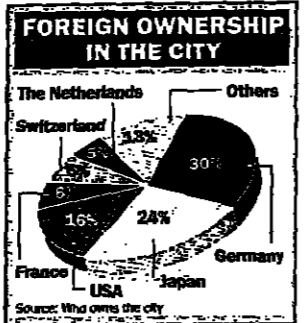
Taxation is also a powerful lure. When American bankers say how much they like Kensington Gardens, what they really mean is that personal taxation levels in other European countries are more punitive. Any effort by Brussels to impose uniform rates of income tax would be a far greater threat to London than anything the Frankfurt stock exchange can do.

None of this is too surprising, given the influence of foreigners on London's development throughout its 2,000-year history. Lombard Court, Old Jewry — the Square Mile's street names speak of people from across Europe and beyond.

"Most of the key people in the City come from the immigrant community," Tony Halmoz, of the Corporation of London, said. "They have been the lifeblood of the City, and a continuous thread through its history. Some mourn the passing of the



Nearly 20 per cent of office space in the City is owned by overseas firms, but a report predicts their share will grow to more than half by 2025



English-owned merchant banks such as Warburgs, Grenfell and Hambros. But they are not exactly typical English names."

The density of financial institutions in the capital, however, also brings risks. More than half of the City's offices are owned by com-

panies in finance, insurance or property. This concentration, and their interdependence, increases London's exposure to a recession. "Thus the links between the property and financial services markets conspire to deepen recessions," says *Who Owns the City?*

While the Corporation of London is encouraging foreign companies to establish their European headquarters in the Square Mile, there is some concern that there will not be enough room for them, particularly as the firms grow ever larger through mergers and acquisitions. HSBC, owner of Midland and the UK's

biggest bank, is turning its back on the City and moving to Docklands because it cannot find a building large enough to house all its staff. Given all of its advantages, most observers believe Frankfurt's ambition to oust London and become the financial centre of the new Euroland

looks unrealistic, notwithstanding the UK's decision to defer its entry to monetary union in the first wave. Chances are that when London celebrates its 2,000th anniversary in 2043, it will be the financial hub of Europe, even if foreign companies own most of the property.

# World's biggest airport terminal to open under a cloud

FROM MARCUS BINNEY IN HONG KONG

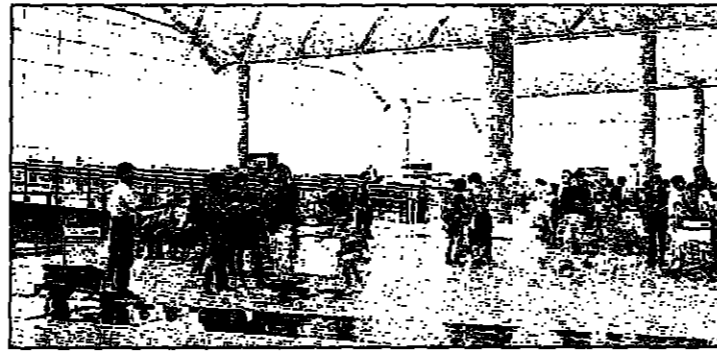
THE world's biggest airport building, the Sir Norman Foster-designed terminal at Hong Kong's Chek Lap Kok airport, will open on Thursday but Sir Norman may not be there to see it.

Frantic preparations are under way for the formal opening by President Jiang Zemin of China, but the architect has already accepted an invitation to the opening by the King of Spain of a conference centre in Valencia that he designed.

The opening celebrations have been overshadowed, however, by the fact that much of the terminal's most spectacular feature — a continuous curtain of glass walls almost four miles long — will have

to be replaced. Many of the large, toughened-glass panes have developed a distinctive blubbiness around the edges, which mars the terminal's spectacular panorama of mountains, clouds, sea and ships. Some are also separating at the corners. Up to 10,000 of the 7ft by 10ft panes may have to be replaced.

Graham Plant, head of engineering for the Hong Kong Airport Authority, said the problem was "a serious matter". "To replace all the glass in an operational airport is a major challenge as the work must be done at night when sections of the terminal and the aprons can be closed off," he said. "This is not a structural or a safety



Chek Lap Kok airport: problems with expanse of glass

problem but a cosmetic one. At the moment half the glass panels are showing defects." The specially toughened glass was supplied by Pilkington Flach

Glass of Germany and sent to Japan for coating and illuminating. Each panel consists of a sandwich of two sheets of glass with a coating between them. They

were designed to reduce aircraft noise, improve insulation and eliminate reflections that might dazzle pilots.

A spokesman for Pilkington said that delamination of the specialised glass was not common but did not pose a danger. "A small number of defects were observed [last year] and at that stage analysis began on the deglazed panels. Because of the scale of the exercise and problems of access it is taking time," he said.

The spokesman said it was not known how much it would cost the firm to replace the panels. The glass appears to be the only problem at the architecturally stunning terminal, which came in under its £814 million budget. "When people think of a major

airport, they think of a series of terminals. Here it is all in one building," Sir Norman said. The main level, with a departure hall 305 metres wide and a 1,280-metre passenger concourse, is a continuous open space without a single intervening cross wall or full-height partition. From outside, Sir Norman's arched roof appears to float without support on glass. Inside, the conjuring trick is no less amazing as the columns supporting the structure are set 120ft apart. "The roof alone covers 45 acres but the arch roofs all go in one direction like cordonuroy, so the structure points you the way you want to go," Sir Norman said. The terminal is shaped like a paper glider with stubby wings, a

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# Clinton meets his match in China TV joust

PRESIDENT Clinton will make a further controversial speech on human rights this morning at Beijing University as the White House cautiously congratulates itself on navigating the weekend summit with China's President Jiang Zemin, the toughest hurdle in a diplomatically hazardous trip.

Yesterday, to underline his message about religious freedom, Mr Clinton and his wife Hillary attended morning services at the Protestant Chongwenmen Church. During the last hymn, *The Church's Foundation*, the President was accosted by a Sichuan woman named Chen Anbi, who was aggressively manhandled away, declaring "China is not fair".

After the scuffle, Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said he believed she just wanted to speak to Mr Clinton. "If someone not entirely steady walked up to the President in the Methodist Church in Washington DC, she may have been treated more gently, but there could have been a similar episode," he said.

Mrs Chen was later able to meet the President briefly. She told him she appreciated his visit and his emphasising the need for religious expression.

The incident, one of several during the trip where the anxiety of Chinese security forces to keep order has surfaced in front of American television cameras, reflects the White House's awkwardness in handling the human rights issue.

In the wake of Mr Clinton's forthright remarks about personal liberty in Saturday's startling joint press conference with Mr Jiang, the White House hopes that the President has silenced many opponents back home.

But critics argue that Mr Clinton came off worst out of

## Beijing is finding the President naive, writes Bronwen Maddox

the verbal jousting match, beaten at his own game of charm; he was made to look well-meaning but naive, they say, and is likely to emerge from the nine-day visit with few tangible results.

In the White House's eyes, one of the greatest triumphs of the weekend was the Chinese Government's decision to broadcast Saturday's 90-minute press conference in the Great Hall of the People live across the nation on television and radio. Viewers saw Mr Clinton — who referred explicitly to the 1989 Tiananmen square massacre — criticise China's human rights record and urge acceptance of the Dalai Lama.

However, the Chinese Government did not confirm that transmission had gone ahead until after the press conference.



President Clinton at yesterday's service

ence. In launching his passionate defence of American values, President Clinton did not know if he was addressing 300 people or 1.2 billion. CCTV state television, which got the go-ahead minutes before the conference, interrupted normal programming without warning. According to the White House, the initial transmission ran unedited; there are reports of taxi drivers pulling out of the traffic to listen. But Chinese viewers say that later editions, and all press accounts, were heavily abbreviated.

The Administration also professes itself delighted with the "chemistry" between the two men. At the formal state banquet on Saturday night they took turns to conduct the band of the People's Liberation Army, Mr Clinton urging his counterpart: "You can do it! Go for it!"

But the White House was less pleased by Mr Jiang's unilateral decision on Saturday to mention the campaign funding scandals that have dogged Mr Clinton, although he pronounced stories of Chinese contributions "very absurd and ridiculous — sheer fabrications". Mr Clinton's exhortation for Mr Jiang to meet the Dalai Lama because "I believe... they would like each other very much" has been seen as boyishly gushing.

The results of the summit are also slighter than the Administration hoped for some months ago. By far the most important is the unequivocal Chinese promise not to devalue the currency.

The White House is also pleased with new agreements on chemical weapons, progress on biological weapons controls, and China's new enthusiasm for the Missile Technology Control Regime. But the future of Taiwan has largely been sidestepped.

# Hong Kong is free, says Patten

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HONG KONG

DAYS before Hong Kong marks the first year of its return to Chinese rule, the last Governor, Chris Patten, said yesterday that the territory remained a free society.

Speaking in a pre-recorded address broadcast on state-owned Radio Hong Kong — his first public address in the territory since his emotional departure on June 30 last year ended 150 years of colonial rule — Mr Patten

said: "Hong Kong is a free society under the rule of law. It was last year, and it still is this year."

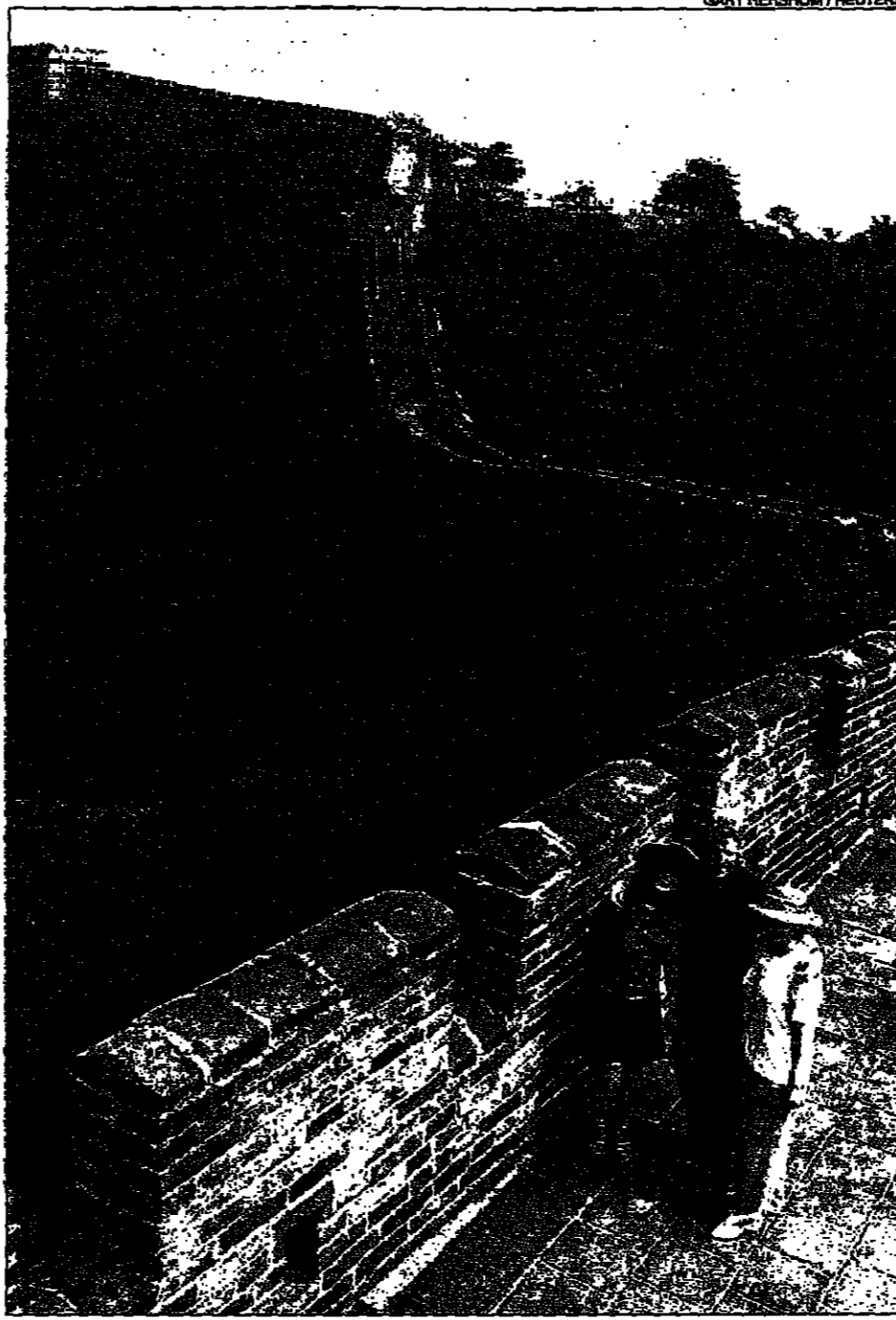
He said the territory's unyielding democratic spirit and strong economic fundamentals would help Hong Kong rebound from Asia's financial crisis. Hong Kong had a clean civil service, a top rate police force, "a rule of law that people recognise as their strongest shield".

The territory is also free from some economic ills that plague other Asian econo-

mies, such as slack regulation of banks and financial services, corruption and nepotism, and crippling bad loans, he said. "For all those reasons, Hong Kong is better placed than almost any other society in Asia to withstand the raging storms."

A university poll last week found an overwhelming majority believed Mr Patten had done a better job than Tung Chee-hwa, the post-handover Chief Executive.

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President Clinton with daughter Chelsea and wife Hillary on a visit to the Great Wall of China. Chinese television coverage of the trip has been unprecedented

# Tiananmen taboo broken by broadcast

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

CHINESE people yesterday expressed amazement that they were able to see President Clinton talking openly on television about China's most taboo subject — the Tiananmen Square massacre — with their President, Jiang Zemin.

Dai Qing, an environmental activist and former rocket engineer jailed after the crackdown on June 4, 1989, told *The Times*: "This was something very rare. Nine years after 1989, this is the first time millions of Chinese have heard someone, even though it was a foreigner, say something like this about Tiananmen. Mrs Dai said: "It shows us that the whole world, not just we Chinese, has not forgotten what happened. It lifted a weight from my heart to hear it."

Zhou Yan, a journalist, said the television exchange was a breakthrough. "This is the first time for the Chinese people to see a debate between their leader and a US leader broadcast live on television. It was very special because a lot of the topics were extremely sensitive."

A Beijing academic who saw the debate said she was pleased because it put the two leaders on an equal footing. "I feel that Chinese leaders now have the confidence to speak freely about human rights," she said.

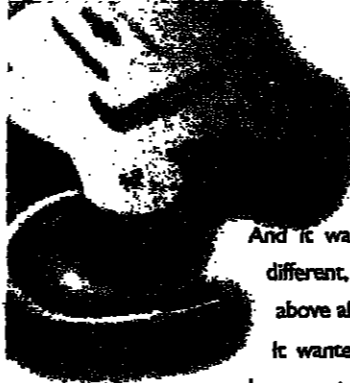
that the hour-long broadcast, which was not announced beforehand, was the result of tough negotiating between the American and Chinese sides.

Never before have millions of Chinese been able to watch and hear such vigorous exchanges — heated but still essentially good-natured — on Tiananmen, China's rule in Tibet and human rights. Such topics were always considered too delicate for open discussion.

The question being asked yesterday was why the Chinese leadership, who control every facet of society, had permitted such a broadcast for the first time — especially when the State fears the possibility of internal unrest stemming from millions of lay-offs in moribund public-sector industries.

Mrs Dai said: "In a way the Chinese Government made a sacrifice. A man in the Communist Party's propaganda department took a decision about Clinton. 'You are a foreigner. You can say this on air. But I, representing the Communist Party, still control the whole country.'"

"The Chinese realise that Clinton has taken a lot of flack for coming to China and being welcomed at Tiananmen," said a foreign diplomat. "They knew he had to deflect criticism of his visit, so they gave him some face."



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# A tale of two cities in limbo as nation begins capital move

Britain puts down its marker in Berlin today when Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office minister, digs a hole in the Wilhelmstrasse and lays a foundation stone at the site of the once and future embassy. The building works should take 18 months and British diplomats will be abandoning Bonn early in 2000. Indeed, the whole of Germany's political class is beginning, reluctantly, to evacuate the Rhineland.

The process is intriguing. The daily scuffling between Bonn and Berlin is obscuring a fundamental truth: that Germany still does

## INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

not know how to address or promote its national interests even though it is about to become the Berlin rather than the Bonn Republic. The

strange limbo between Bonn and Berlin captures something of this uncertainty of purpose, of inner drift. Bad Godesberg, the diplomatic quarter of Bonn, is slowly dying. Big shops are closing, leases are not being renewed, the owners of the fine turn-of-the-century villas that housed the world's ambassadors are justifiably nervous.

By the end of next year, Bonn will be a ghost town, kept alive only by its university, Beethoven and a jelly baby factory. A sign of desperation is the fierce struggle of the Bonniers to hang on to Henry Moore's

big bronze statue, *Large Two Forms*, the only beautiful sight in Helmut Kohl's Chancellery. The Berliners are equally determined that it should shift with the future leader.

Bonn's misery is matched, however, by that of Berlin. The city is broke, its cultural budget strapped. Office complexes built on credit are being completed but have no tenants. Rents are tumbling. Bonniers dither and delay. Berliners press for movement. Neither city, it seems, is winning from the present arrangement.

The Bonniers will come, of course. German government

help is overcoming prejudices about the streets of Berlin being littered with heroin addicts and bone-headed neo-Nazis.

A typical Bonn civil servant is being offered a £20,000 start-up loan at 2 per cent interest, plus £5,000 per child. If he moves next year, all transport costs are met. If the children fall behind at school, the Government will pay for private tuition.

The State even pays for a new oven and a garage. It will help him to sell his Bonn house. If he wants to commute from Bonn to Berlin every week,

the Government is offering a return flight for around £50. This is feather-bedding on a grand scale. The bureaucrats will come, be sure of it. But how will the character of Berlin change? Berlin, for years, has been counting on the raised political profile to transform it into a proper metropolis, a rival to Paris or London, the very hub of Cool Germania.

Yet the Bonniers, with their provincial rhythms, will merely be a deadweight on the city. The fact is, Berlin was always a backwater. Even as Alex Ritchie points out in her splendid book, *Faust's Metropolis* Kaiser

Wilhelm thought it was pretty second-rate. "Paris is the whorehouse of the world; therein lies its attraction... there is nothing in Berlin that can captivate the foreigner except a few museums, castles and soldiers."

Nowadays, Berlin does not even have soldiers. The 1920s, of course, made Berlin a metropolis, but only for the briefest of butterfly lives.

The point of moving to Berlin was to have a capital that reflected Germany's new power in Europe, preferably in a glamorous and compelling, rather than aggressive,

way. The point was taken even by those countries who have traditionally had most to fear from the power of Germany. Yet what is the nature of that power? Nobody knows, nobody asks, and Berlin as a city suffers accordingly.

A metropolis signifies energy. Creative energy will only flow into and around Berlin, if it makes itself attractive to artists and to bright entrepreneurs. So far, thanks to the deep pockets of German taxpayers, it is attractive only to a smattering of civil servants who are looking for easy ways of paying a mortgage. This is not a good omen.

PETAR KULANOVIC / REUTERS

# Serbs ignore surrender call on highway

FROM TOM WALKER IN KLUJEVO

THE police major commanding the besieged Kosovo village of Kijevo has claimed Serb security forces are preparing to "cleanse" Albanian communities on either side of the Pristina to Pec highway to break the Kosovo Liberation Army's stranglehold on the vital east-west axis.

Identifying himself only as "The Owl", he rejected the KLA's ultimatum to his men to lay down arms and abandon Kijevo, described last week by Richard Holbrooke, America's Kosovo peacebroker, as the "most dangerous place in Europe".

Yesterday Mr Holbrooke, at a business meeting in the Swiss resort of Crans Montana, warned the Serbs that it would be "a tragic mistake" to attempt to unlock the road by force.

"The Albanians would need 2,500 men to take it," said the major, sweating with his cohorts under a canvas canopy protecting them from the stifling summer sun. Sitting alongside trestle tables, they grimly shared their potato and



liver soup with us — we were said the major, the Ministry of Interior's first guests since the KLA erected their final barricade on the road west to Pec seven days ago.

"How is it possible in a state?" he demanded, denouncing Mr Holbrooke's much publicised talks with KLA guerrillas in the western town of Junik, where in a parallel siege the Serbs have the Albanians surrounded.

"Fifteen days ago we should have begun our operation to free the road, but our politicians have been keeping a low profile because of Mr Holbrooke and the West," the major said. "But if diplomacy does not work soon, we will have to begin a cleansing

operation like the one in Decane. These people are terrorists, pure and simple."

Kijevo, dominated by a brooding, but empty grain mill, comprises dizzying concentric circles of sieges within sieges. Probably the most unfortunate victims are the few Albanian families still trapped within the village, whose tumbling stone walls straddle a hilltop in the rolling countryside separating the Drenica and Decane KLA heartlands. The police say they are protecting Albanians from the KLA; the terrified family we met wished only to leave.

There are also about 80 Serb families in Kijevo, nearly all of them from surrounding villages "cleansed" by the guerrillas, whose main base in the area, Malisevo, lies about ten miles south-east. Malisevo is itself subject to a Serb economic siege, with petrol and supplies being cut.

The KLA is reluctant to allow access to Kijevo where, despite the major's confidence, the Serb position seems hopeless without a police and army offensive that would almost inevitably invite Nato intervention. Nonetheless late on



Yugoslav troops fire their guns near Pristina yesterday to mark the 609th anniversary of the battle of Kosovo against Turks on June 28, 1389

Saturday night the guerrillas did not fire on a helicopter brought in to airlift several pregnant women. "Why should we?" asked one KLA sentry on the checkpoint east of Kijevo. "We'll get it soon enough."

Back at the police base, the major showed us the typewritten KLA ultimatum, brought by a Serb from another village

from guerrillas who were holding his son hostage. As well as demanding the police to leave, it also says they should stop burning Albanian houses. "We don't burn them and we won't answer," said the major.

Every night, at 9 o'clock, the Albanians also put a message on the police radio network, he said. "They say first in Albanian

and then in English that this is the Kosovo Republic and they will kill all Serbs. Russia and Yeltsin can't help you, they say, because we've got Clinton. If you want to see another dawn, hand over your guns."

Nine years ago to the day, Slobodan Milosevic spoke before a million at Kosovo Polje, on the 600th anniversary of

the Serbs' most celebrated battle against the Turks. Yesterday the same "field blackbirds" lay hot and empty, reflecting the betrayal and destruction of a nation.

On June 28, 1989, Mr Milosevic, their newly elected President, reminded Serbs of their historic duty to "liberate themselves". The implication was clear: as with the Turkish

yoke of history, the time had come to fight off the Albanian dominance of Kosovo, the Serb Jerusalem.

The 1389 battle of Kosovo Polje was neither won nor lost, yet it was the watershed after which the Serbs retreated north. With tragic irony, the modern-day battle of Kosovo is also in danger of turning into a capitulation.

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# Tripp evidence could seal fate of Starr inquiry

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

POLITICAL temperatures are set to rise in Washington tomorrow as Linda Tripp, the Pentagon employee who triggered an investigation into President Clinton's sexual relations, will finally face a grand jury.

Ms Tripp, who turned over secret tapes of conversations with her friend, Monica Lewinsky, to the office of Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel in January, will explain why she made the recordings and betrayed the young and apparently vulnerable White House trainee.



Tripp: must explain why she made tapes

Ms Tripp's evidence comes as a hitherto silent friend of the Lewinsky family — like Ms Tripp, an older woman — reveals that the former trainee told her that she certainly did have a physical relationship with Mr Clinton. Dale Young, a businessman from Scarsdale, New York, is reported in today's issue of Newsweek magazine as saying that Ms Lewinsky told her of "intimate touching in a small hideaway study off the Oval Office and sexually charged phone calls".

Describing her account of Ms Lewinsky's confidences, Ms Young says that Mr Clinton established certain clear rules at the outset: "Nothing was ever taken to completion — [it was] basically like foreplay."

But Ms Tripp's appearance before the grand jury remains the drama of the moment. Observers believe that her evidence — originally scheduled for the first week of June, but postponed after Ms Lewinsky dismissed her lawyer, William Ginsburg — could determine the fate of the Starr inquiry.

Lawyers close to the case told *The Washington Post* that Ms Tripp's evidence, and the way the grand jury reacts to it,

will "ratchet up the pressure" on Ms Lewinsky to reach an agreement with Mr Starr to give evidence.

The independent counsel's office is locked in complex negotiations with the former trainee's lawyers over a deal that would grant Ms Lewinsky immunity from prosecution in exchange for her co-operation with prosecutors. Her lawyers have offered to have her testify that she had a sexual relationship with the President but have insisted that she would not say that Mr Clinton encouraged her to lie under oath.

Mr Starr is holding out for more. If a deal falls through, Ms Lewinsky could face indictment, and Ms Tripp, ironically, would become the key witness against her. For that reason, Ms Tripp's testimony to the grand jury acquires added importance.

Experts have said that her statements over the next few days would be crucial to establishing her credibility in the event of Ms Lewinsky's prosecution.

Unlike the public, whose acquaintance with Ms Tripp has been based on snippets culled from only a fifth of her recordings, the grand jury has

heard the entire output, spanning more than 20 hours. That includes the most important recording of all, made on January 13 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City, Virginia, when Ms Tripp was wired up by Mr Starr's officials during an afternoon meeting over tea and biscuits with an unsuspecting Ms Lewinsky.

In the course of that tryst, Ms Tripp pressed the trainee to describe her conversations with Vernon Jordan, the President's friend, about finding her a job, as well as to talk about her conversations with Mr Clinton himself.

Yesterday *The New York Times* revealed that it had spoken to two unnamed informants who had listened to the Ritz-Carlton tapes. According to the two, Ms Lewinsky spoke in an anguished voice that frequently verged on the "hysterical", and insisted that she felt that she had to "deny" that she had a relationship with Mr Clinton.

Intriguingly Ms Lewinsky also said that she would deny her relationship with Mr Clinton in a signed affidavit only if she obtained a satisfactory job from Mr Jordan.

The newspaper goes on to assert that although the tapes which have been made public would seem to portray Ms Tripp unflatteringly — as a woman who manipulated Ms Lewinsky and who perhaps had ulterior motives — those who have heard all 20 hours of the recordings have a more nuanced view of the Pentagon employee.

An unnamed "listener" is reported as saying that "all of the quotes [made public] are taken out of context. It is impossible to understand their whole relationship by looking at an hour or two of conversations, which amount to nothing more than a small percentage of all their conversations about the subject."



Robin Christopher, British Ambassador to Indonesia, tries to calm pro-independence demonstrators in the East Timorese capital, Dili

## East Timor protesters confront EU team

ROBIN CHRISTOPHER, the British Ambassador to Indonesia, last night promised East Timorese protesters demanding a referendum that the European Union would seek to use its influence to find a solution acceptable to all parties on the island.

Mr Christopher, who is head of the EU delegation, spoke to the demonstrators after they had blocked the path of EU envoys visiting the disputed territory.

"Please now go home in peace, we have registered your views, we see the strength of your feeling. Your job is done. Please go back peacefully and allow us to continue our programme," the ambassador told the protesters through a loudspeaker.

It was the second time that protests had forced the EU delegation to change its itinerary. Earlier yesterday plans to attend Mass at Dili's Vila Verde Cathedral were abandoned because of reports protests had been

planned there. "We are not here to aggravate the situation," Mr Christopher said. "We decided that if there was going to be a very large demonstration we'd go to the cemetery which is of considerable historical significance in this town. We'd go there instead."

The Santa Cruz cemetery is the site of the Dili massacre. In November 1991, the Indonesian military opened fire and killed an estimated 270 people who had marched to the cemetery to bury a man killed by the army.

Chanting "Viva referendum" and "Viva Xanana Gusmao", the Timorese guerrilla leader jailed on charges of subversion, the 5,000 peaceful protesters yesterday descended on the delegation's hotel in lorries, on motorcycles

and on foot when they heard the EU group had cancelled a visit to East Timor University to meet student leaders because of security concerns.

The protesters had been waiting at the university to hold a demonstration to coincide with the EU team's arrival.

Fighting has been raging in East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, since the Indonesian military invaded the territory in 1975. Indonesia forcibly annexed East Timor the following year at the cost of an estimated 200,000 lives but the United Nations still recognises Portugal as the official administrative power in East Timor.

Many East Timorese now favour holding a referendum to allow them to vote on the territory's political future for themselves. Since President Habibie came to power in Jakarta last month, pressure has been mounting on him to bring an end to the East Timor conflict. He has made several conciliatory gestures towards the territory, including releasing 15 minor political prisoners and offering to confer a special "autonomous" status to the region.

But the Jakarta plan, which would allow Indonesia to retain control over East Timor's budget, foreign relations and defence was rejected by Portugal and Timorese leaders, including Gusmao.

In addition to Mr Christopher, the EU delegation is made up of Viktor Segalla, the Austrian Ambassador to Indonesia, Paul Brower, his Dutch counterpart (who is representing Luxembourg), Klaus Peter Schmalenbach, the European Commission representative, and Christer Persson, who is representing the Council Secretariat.

## Mubarak rejection irks Netanyahu

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, yesterday lambasted President Mubarak of Egypt for rejecting an Israeli initiative to stage a new Madrid peace conference.

Mr Netanyahu's attack on the Egyptian leader was the angriest he has made since his election in 1996 and reflected the strains in the 1979 peace treaty negotiated at Camp David, the first between Israel and an Arab state.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, also rejected the suggestion that a new interna-

tional conference could be staged in Madrid — site of the 1991 meeting which launched the current process — as a means of reviving stalled multilateral talks on regional issues such as water resources and arms control. These have been in abeyance for more than 16 months.

Mr Arafat said that Israel first had to respect what has been done since the 1991 conference. Palestinians accuse Mr Netanyahu of violating interim peace deals signed since 1993, notably those pledging further Israeli troop

pullbacks from the West Bank. Ultra-nationalists in Mr Netanyahu's coalition have threatened to bring him down if he goes ahead with the withdrawals, while dozens of Jewish settlers have set up a protest camp opposite his Jerusalem office.

Mr Netanyahu launched his initiative in an interview with the Madrid daily *ABC* to coincide with yesterday's arrival in Israel of José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, who flew in from Egypt to find himself caught in the middle of a war of

words between his two hosts. The Israeli leader made it clear that what the Israeli press has now dubbed "Madrid 2" was not intended to replace the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks brokered by the United States.

However, Mr Mubarak told a Cairo news conference earlier that the proposed second Madrid conference aimed at annulling the first Madrid agreement and destroying "all that has been signed so that [Mr Netanyahu] can restart new agreements on new principles".



Netanyahu: proposed new Madrid talks

## CIA to recruit more spies after nuclear humiliation

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE CIA, humiliated by its recent failure to spot India's nuclear tests in advance, has begun the largest recruitment drive for new "case officers" — or spies — in its history. In addition to boosting numbers, the CIA also plans to reopen several overseas stations that were shut down after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The recruitment drive, however, signals an important methodological shift, described by insiders as a "back

to basics" approach. The failure to foresee the Indian tests on May 11 appears to have convinced the CIA's Directorate of Operations that the agency had become dangerously dependant on "technical intelligence", eavesdropping devices and spy satellites.

Instead, the CIA now wants to return to the "first principles" of espionage — placing spies behind enemy lines or moles inside the offices of foreign governments. Old-fashioned spies, it is believed, would be the best way to

combat such modern-day phenomena as terrorist groups and drug cartels, in addition to tracking nuclear developments in "non-nuclear" states. A secret report by the retired Admiral David Jeremiah, submitted last week to President Clinton, attributed the CIA's failure to "read" India to the absence of a reliable network of case officers on the subcontinent.

It is not known how many new spies will be recruited, as the CIA guards such statistics jealously.

## Booming trade in cut-price drugs adds to Nigeria's woes

FROM SAM KELLY IN LAGOS



Abacha: five-year ruler isolated nation

HANGING in wooden cages suspended from the ceiling, dancers dressed in belt-length skirts performed high-speed hip jiggles that would have snapped the spines of lesser mortals.

A young prostitute fired up a joint coated with cannabis oil, inhaled deeply and sat back to enjoy the heady mix of sex 'n' drugs 'n' rock 'n' roll at Nigeria's most famous night club — The Shrine.

Outside, street hustlers emerged through a smog of pungent pot smoke, offering

harder drugs, heroin and crack cocaine, to punters wandering the dark streets in search of oblivion.

In Nigeria, the trans-shipment point for 40-60 per cent of the world's heroin, and at least a third of all cocaine consumed in Europe, oblivion comes cheap.

The discount prices for drugs have caused an explosion of abuse that threatens to undermine the social fabric of a nation already staggering under the weight of decades of military rule, corruption and unemployment.

According to the United Nations and international

security forces employed in the global war on drugs, Nigeria's drug traffickers have launched a campaign to hook their own people into a cycle of dependency in the name of profit.

"In Lagos, Ibadan, Port Harcourt and Kano, cocaine and heroin are increasingly easily available and used. To suit the local market conditions, where people do not have much money, drugs have become cheap. They are cut [diluted] with inert substances and made into different grades for the different parts of the market," said the UN's Nigeria-based anti-drug

chief, Shariq bin Raza. The surge in Nigerian narcotics abusers, experts said, was in part caused by local successes in combating the international trafficking industry. These had "forced" the drug lords into "distress sales" in which they dumped goods on the local market to realise some profit, rather than have their goods rot in hideous which risked discovery.

"The Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency [under Major-General Musa Bamiyi] has made an enormous effort to rid itself of corruption within its own ranks and combat the trafficking prob-

lem. The problem is that NDLEA successes sometimes mean that there are more drugs on the local market," said Mr bin Raza, of the UN International Drug Control Programme.

Other Western security sources said that Nigerian "mules" — individuals who swallow condoms filled with narcotics to smuggle them into Europe and America — were being seduced into dependency so they could be paid in drugs.

"The result of this is obvious: the mules want to maximize their own profits, so they sell their drugs on the local

market. They create addicts, they are addicts themselves, and suddenly you have a whole new market for drugs," said one Western anti-drug security source.

The huge profit margins made by drug smugglers has opened their eyes to vast possibilities in discounted bulk sales to Third World consumers.

The collapse of most Nigerian government departments under the late General Sani Abacha, whose plunderous five-year rule ended with his death earlier this month, has meant that no accurate statistics are available for the extent

of Nigeria's domestic drug problem. But experts said that it was an epidemic in the making.

Heroin sells for about £15 a gram on the streets. Prices for cocaine start at £2 a gram.

Isolated diplomatically and squeezed by sanctions against General Abacha, which cut foreign aid, Nigerian anti-drug campaigners have been hamstrung, and the results are graphic.

For many Nigerians, the money being spent on drugs is at the expense of more basic commodities — like food.

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# Boy rescued from Turkish quake rubble

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ADANA

PEOPLE spent a second night out of doors last night in this southern Turkish city as it was rocked by 60 aftershocks after Saturday's earthquake.

Rescuers dug a boy out alive from mountains of rubble triggered by the quake that killed at least 109 people, injured 1,000 and levelled much of the city. The 11-year-old survivor was found in the debris of a flattened five-storey building 24 hours after the quake, measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale, struck.

Rescue workers with sniffer dogs were still sifting through debris but emergency services said the main problem was restoring water and electricity to the area. In the gardens and car park of an overcrowded local hospital, patients with wounds and broken limbs lay with intravenous drips.

Residents said the quake had caught them unawares. "I was standing just over the road and everything went white with dust. My son was in the barber shop on the ground floor but he managed to run out," Ferit Acik said.

President Demirel, after meeting the local Governor, promised a quick return to normality. "The wounds will be treated quickly. What was destroyed will be rebuilt. The pain of injured residents will



A wrecked bus under a building brought down by the tremor

the number of people camping outdoors, fearing unstable buildings.

The quake shook the region at 5pm, a time when many were still out shopping before returning to watch Norway play Italy in the World Cup. It could be felt in the tourist resorts further west along the Turkish coast, and as far away as Cyprus and Israel.

One of the places worst affected was the town of Ceyhan, site of the oil terminal for the Iraqi pipeline. Although those installations were reported undamaged, several tall buildings collapsed. A party of 13 women celebrating a friend's birthday were killed outright. This is a number equal to the total deaths in a similar quake in 1945.

That so much damage was done this time is due to the speedy growth of this busy conurbation along the Eastern Mediterranean. Adana, once a swampy marsh, is now Turkey's fourth-largest city. Even so, many of the fatalities occurred in poorer neighbourhoods or in outlying villages of stone houses where people simply failed to build to the standards required of an earthquake zone.

Adana is at the juncture of three major seismic features, the Dead Sea Fault, the Eastern Anatolian and a complex series of faults known as



Rescue workers search yesterday for survivors among the debris of a building that was razed in the earthquake that devastated Adana

the Karatas, according to Cemal Sengur, Professor of Geology at Istanbul's Technical University.

"It just shows how irrational the construction is. People encourage the authorities not to enforce the laws and that very laxity ends up killing them," Professor Sengur said.

With regions still affected by aftershocks, some measuring as strong as 4 on the Richter

scale, people in the area were being advised to remain outside and far away from buildings already damaged.

The Turkish Red Crescent aid organisation sent tents, thousands of blankets and four portable kitchens to Adana. Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Israel, Italy and France offered help to the Turkish Government.

A British embassy spokesman said there were no reports of any Britons being among the dead or injured. About 181 British servicemen are stationed at Incirlik airbase in the city's suburbs, a key Nato installation charged with keeping an air watch on the Kurds in northern Iraq. They were reported to have volunteered their help.

Earthquakes are common in Turkey but critics say state authorities do not take sufficient precautions. The biggest tremor in Turkey in recent years killed 485 people in the eastern town of Erzincan in 1992.

That disaster also prompted complaints that many buildings in the town, frequently hit by tremors, had been constructed cheaply and illegally without taking possible earthquakes into consideration.



## Leader calls for fresh talks on Rock

FROM DOMINIQUE SEARLE IN NEW YORK

RELUCTANCE by Britain and Spain to allow the Gibraltar sovereignty dispute to mar good relations faces a new challenge today from Peter Caruana, the territory's Chief Minister, who issues a new call to both countries to allow the Rock to embark on a process of constitutional modernisation.

He wants Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, to recognise that Gibraltar can

only evolve through a process of democratic consent. The bid is frowned upon by opposition forces in Gibraltar which want Mr Caruana to ignore Spain and to provoke the Foreign Office by refusing to implement any further European Union legislation on the Rock. Mr Caruana rejects such a move, which would lead to immediate EU infringement proceedings against Britain.

Fifteen such EU Bills come before the local parliament on Thursday and Spain has been pressuring Gibraltar by blocking all directives that recognise the colony's jurisdiction. Mr Caruana speaks to the United Nations decolonisation committee in New York today with a message to Señor Matutes that he wants an early meeting with him after Spain's Christmas offer to meet face to face. Robin Cook,

the Foreign Secretary, last week reminded Mr Caruana of the risks that excluding Spain from any development of Gibraltar's status would bring.

Last Wednesday the House of Lords, under pressure from party whips, rejected a petition signed by 16,200 Gibraltarians, 80 per cent of the local electorate, demanding the right to vote at European parliamentary elections.

## Portugal votes on abortion

Lisbon: Portugal's voters went to the polls yesterday in the country's first referendum on the legalisation of abortion (Alison Roberts writes). The law proposes legal abortion in the first ten weeks of pregnancy and the issue has split this overwhelmingly Catholic nation.

At present, terminations are only permitted in cases of rape, severe foetal malformation or grave risk to the mental and physical health of the mother. The result is that more than 20,000 illegal abortions are performed annually. A 1994 government survey showed that 92 per cent of women treated in hospital because of complications during pregnancy were there because they had had an illegal abortion.

More than 50 per cent of voters must take part for the result to be binding.

## Berbers riot as thousands mourn murdered singer

BY SUSAN BELL IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE mother of Lounès Matoub, the Algerian singer who was murdered last week, fired a two-shot salute in the air as tens of thousands of people attended his burial in the Algerian mountain village of Taurirt Moussa yesterday.

Security forces had been deployed en masse to prevent further outbreaks of violence in eastern Algeria's Berber-speaking Kabylia region. Matoub was a staunch anti-Islamist, vocal supporter of the Berber cause and outspoken democrat whose songs frequently criticised Algerian officialdom.

The killing of the singer, 42, sparked riots on Friday and Saturday in Tizi Ouzou, main city of Kabylia, and in neighbouring towns. Government buildings were burned and at least two young demonstrators were killed as protesters

stoned riot police in what is believed to be the worst unrest in the Berber region since 1980.

In Paris yesterday about 4,000 people paid tribute to the singer in two separate demonstrations. The larger of the two, in the Place de la République, was attended largely by Berbers, many of whom wept as they accompanied a mock coffin.

The second, smaller tribute at the Place du Trocadero was attended mainly by French intellectuals and artists.

André Glucksmann, the writer, said: "To kill a poet casts a pall over the universe because it is a fascist act. To kill a poet and do it in God's name is twice as bad."

Government security forces have blamed Muslim rebels for the death of the popular singer, but angry demonstra-

tions have blamed the Algerian authorities for the killing. Matoub's murder has catalysed the frustrations of the Berbers, who are protesting against a new law due to come into effect on July 5 which will make Arabic the sole official language of Algeria.

Under the new law, official use of French and the Berber language, Tamazight, which means literally "the language of free men", will be banned. The Berbers, who gave their name to Barbary, inhabited North Africa many centuries before the early medieval Arab invaders, whom they strongly resisted.

Later they played a significant role in the Muslim conquest and rule of Spain. Today the Berbers are the majority population of Morocco and are an important minority within Algeria.

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# The nature of numbers

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Can life be divined by mathematics? One man thinks that numbers can reveal its secret. Anjana Ahuja reports

One thought has been perplexing Professor Ian Stewart, a Warwick University mathematician and popular science writer, for more than 20 years. A close look at the living world — from amoebas to sunflowers to snowflakes — reveals an eerie link to the esoteric world of mathematics.

For example, each snowflake is not only a unique ice sculpture, but also a perfect hexagon. A cauliflower is a version of a fractal — a mathematical pattern that repeats on different scales. The vegetable is made up of florets which are made up of florets, which are — you've guessed it — made of florets. The same can be said of trees, because branches and twigs look like miniature trees.

A survey of numbers in the plant kingdom, such as numbers of petals in flowers, reveals a preponderance of numbers in the Fibonacci sequence, a well-established sequence in which each number is derived from adding the previous two numbers. The most common such sequence is 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, and so on. Even though this roll-call of figures appears meaningless, it crops up in the strangest of places, most curiously in sunflowers.

The heads of sunflowers are dotted with tightly packed spirals of sunflower seeds. Some coil clockwise, others anticlockwise. Count them up, and you will find that the numbers of spirals in each direction is a Fibonacci number. Not only that, but the two numbers will be neighbours in the sequence. The most common pairs are 34 and 55, and 55 and 89.

The findings are too curious to be just coincidences. Mathematical rules and patterns, says Professor Stewart, appear to be buried deep in the natural world. In *Life's Other Secret*, his intriguing new book, he argues that life moulds itself beautifully to these numerical rules because the universe organises itself along mathematical lines.

It is an antidote to the prevailing orthodoxy that DNA is the secret of life (hence the book title). "You can sequence DNA forever but you won't find the rules that gov-



Equal parts: sunflower heads are dotted with spirals of seeds. The total number of spirals is a Fibonacci number

ern life," he says. "It only tells you that certain chemicals can cut, copy and stick together molecules, and this leads to the replication of life. Think of it this way: there is a recipe for life, and the language of the recipe is DNA. But, like baking a cake, the recipe is not the whole thing. The oven is equally important."

He cites the yeast genome, which has been fully sequenced by scientists. "If you follow the instructions in the yeast genome, you don't get yeast. That's because when scientists isolated DNA from yeast, they threw away the sludge left over. But the sludge contains proteins which help to nudge the yeast proteins into their proper shape. It shows that DNA is not the only channel of communication."

Similarly, he thinks the public has been duped into falsely believing that the struggle to unravel the human genome will tell us everything about humanity. "Once the human genome is sequenced, we will discover that a big piece is missing. Whatever is in that catalogue doesn't make us human."

Professor Stewart admits he was not the first to formalise the connection between numbers and life — a charismatic Scottish zoologist, D'Arcy Thompson, explored the strange world of biomathematics before him. The result was a 1,200-page book called *On Growth and Form*, published at the beginning of the century. "Thompson got the idea that mathematical principles could tell us about living things, and he set about collecting and grouping thousands of examples."

"But he didn't get very far because neither the biology nor the mathematics was developed enough to do more than describe the similarities. In the past ten years, great progress has been made, and I am sure Thompson would have loved to have seen it."

One surprisingly fruitful way that mathematics can shed light on life is by trying to simulate the evolution of "animals" on computer. Several competing virtual organisms are fed into a computer and left for a period of time. Despite enormous simplifications, the models do throw up common features of the evolution of life.

The organisms manage to replicate or die out. And, given long enough, a mass extinction will take place. "It shows that replication and mass extinctions are features of life," Professor Stewart says. "They are not rare or special properties."

It is almost possible to be lulled into agreeing that the meaning of life really lies in peculiar algebraic sequences of sunflower seeds, the elegant logarithmic spiral of the Nautilus mollusc and mesmerising regularity of zebra stripes. But surely mathematics provides merely a description, rather than the reason, for life? Is it really an improvement on DNA as a profound insight into the living world?



Adding up: Ian Stewart

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## Beating back noise

MANY PEOPLE aged over 50 find it hard to sustain a conversation in a noisy place. President Clinton has admitted that "cocktail party" deafness bothers him, and he has had a hearing aid fitted to help.

But these people's problems are as nothing compared with those of people who suffer phonophobia, which is a common feature of migraine. During a migraine attack, background noise can become unpleasantly loud and the ability to make sense of sound diminishes.

Scientists at Zeneca Pharmaceuticals in Cheshire have developed a new method for monitoring this process, and have used it to assess the effectiveness of Zolmitriptan, the company's migraine drug. The results were presented in San Francisco on Friday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Headache.

The beauty of the new test, Dr Andrew Hughes says, is its simplicity. Volunteers wear a bathing cap fitted with 17 metal electrodes that detect the electrical activity of the brain. Two sounds are played to them, one a series of low tones and the other a series of higher tones. They are asked to distinguish the number of high-frequency tones, while ignoring the low-frequency ones. The electrical activity of the brain is meanwhile monitored.

The results show that hearing is a two-stage process. "Within a tenth of a second," Dr Hughes says, "the sound registers on the cortex, but at this stage no discrimination between signal and noise is taking place.



SCIENCE BRIEFING  
Nigel Hawkes

That happens later, about three tenths of a second after the sound occurs."

During migraine attacks, it is this ability to discriminate that is lost: sound becomes a jumble, with no dominant signal to latch on to. The process is controlled by the mood chemical serotonin, which appears to control the brain's "dimmer switch", needed to turn down background noise and enable the brain to concentrate on what is important.

Zolmitriptan has been shown to be effective in clinical trials, but the new test has enabled Dr Hughes and colleagues to measure its effects directly. They showed that healthy volunteers produced a lower brain response when discriminating non-target tones than target tones, and that this was accentuated when they were given the drug.

Dr Hughes says: "This shows that Zolmitriptan is rapidly getting into the brain, damping down serotonin, and decreasing the jumble of background noise heard by the volunteers." The effect is to re-establish the noise filter, which appears to malfunction in phonophobia.

The next step will be to try the same tests on migraine sufferers to investigate whether the drug can also control light sensitivity, or photophobia, which sufferers often have to endure. It should also be useful for screening other possible migraine drugs.

Dr Hughes adds: "It is super to have a bedside test which can show that a drug does get into the brain, and does have effects on migraine."

## Dolphin TV to start undersea broadcasts

INSPIRED by dolphins, engineers hope to transmit video pictures and data through the depths of the North Sea next month — using sound.

The system has been developed by a team at the University of Newcastle to help robot submarines to inspect and maintain oil rigs. It uses the frequency band favoured by dolphins and data transmission techniques developed for the Internet.

Low-frequency sound waves can travel huge distances through the ocean, but cannot carry much information, and the signal is easily corrupted by reflections from the sea floor. The Newcastle team says it has solved both problems, and can transmit data at up to 16,000 bits a second — "ten times the rate our competitors can achieve", Dr Oliver Hinton, the team's leader, told *New Scientist*.

The team uses sound at between 10 and 20 kilohertz, and squeezes a high data rate out of it by using a technique called phase-key shifting, which is also used by the latest Internet modems. The system uses several receivers, which pick up signals coming from different directions, identify the strongest and remove distortion caused by echoes.

Now that the system has been tested in the Tyne, the team is ready to try the open sea.

## Mystery behind an old oil supply

EDWIN DRAKE is the man usually credited with drilling the first oil well. He sank a shaft near Titusville in Pennsylvania in 1859, and upbubbled the crude. But it now looks as if Drake was 500 years behind the Native Americans in exploiting this resource.

The place where Drake drilled is called Oil Creek, because the oil lies close to the surface and seeps spontaneously from the ground. Along the banks of the creek are hundreds of shallow pits, four to six feet deep and 20 to 35 feet across, and the signal is easily corrupted by reflections from the sea floor. The Newcastle team says it has solved both problems, and can transmit data at up to 16,000 bits a second — "ten times the rate our competitors can achieve", Dr Oliver Hinton, the team's leader, told *New Scientist*.

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# When a man needs his mother

William may be 37 but he knows when to call home, says Grace Bradberry

William Hague's illness and subsequent operation may have weakened his sapling reputation as a Tory strong man. They have, however, given him a sterling opportunity to show how family values, or rather extended family values can work in practice — and to a man's advantage.

Brought low by a particularly vicious attack of sinusitis, he was tended at first by his wife Fiona, who took time off from her job as director of operations at the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts. When a meeting with Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary called her away, however, he drew on a still deeper familial reserve — his mother.

Stella Hague's sickbed vigil proves, once again, that there are times when a thirty-something man (37 in Hague's case) still needs his mother. It's not something to shout about, particularly not in the Conservative Party, which is often described as patriarchal for a very good reason. Nevertheless, it's a truism, and you can never repeat too often in politics, can you?



William Hague and his mother, Stella

In this case, of course, Mrs Hague senior is fulfilling a sort of supply role — in loco matris. Plenty of wives, however, experience the occasional feeling that they are in loco matris, forever struggling to live up to some impossible standard of early, non-judgmental nurturing. Mothers seem to believe that wherever a man goes wrong in his life, whatever goes wrong for him, is in some way her fault. They are her genes. Or they are her husband's genes (and she chose her husband).

Oddly, she won't believe the same thing about her daughters. They should have more sense: it's as simple as that. A mother's belief in her son's total fallibility is, curiously, what bolsters him up. If he does something well, it is a miracle. If he screws up, she should have been there to help him. It is up to her to save him from life's pitfalls, rather than expect him to look where he is going.

Yet if he ignores her advice and mucks it up in his own special way, she still bears no grudges. It is this attitude, surely, that breeds the risk-taking tendencies that ultimately bring success.

Richard Branson is a classic example. His breathtaking business nerve has made him one of the country's most successful entrepreneurs. Yet the mother-son relationship that may have started it all is best seen in the whole sorry business with speed boats and balloons attempting to set records.

Several years ago Eve Branson told her son not to make any more of his ill-fated trips. He ignored her. Yet in 1996 there she was again, out in Marrakesh to cheer him on. Needless to say, she blames his recklessness on herself, pointing to her own adventurous genes, and the way she raised him.

There are so many other occasions when a man needs his mother. It is impossible to list them all. They include the following, however: temporary sole charge of children; sudden impoverishment; marital troughs; periods when appreciation by wife/boss does not meet required levels.

Some don't even bother to move out. Geoffrey Boycott lived under his mother's roof until well into his thirties. Sir Cyril Smith, the former Liberal MP, lived with his mother in Rochdale until her death.

There are a few, but only a very few times, when a man emphatically does not need his mother. If, for example, he has been ignominiously booted out of high political office and is trying to be discreet,



William Hague and his mother, Stella

he may not want his mother to inform a trainee reporter on the local paper, as Irene Lamont did in 1993, of son Norman's dismissal as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Nor will he want her to stand in for his press officer, as Mrs Irene Lamont also did, hawking quotes from her doorstep for a tinner a piece. "That's two questions in one," she told a Guardian journalist sharply, thus prompting comments that she was the only one in the family with any financial acumen.

On the whole mothers are endlessly useful. William Faulkner was missing the point when he said: "If a writer has to rob his mother, he will not hesitate: the Ode to a Grecian Urn is worth any number of old ladies." He wouldn't need to rob her, he could just ask for the money and she would hand it over.



Julia Kwan left Hong Kong only to join her boyfriend in London. Now she has set up a skincare company and wants to open a branch back home, where her family still lives

# Cosmetic changes in Hong Kong

Rachel Campbell-Johnston meets an expatriate planning to do business back home a year after China reclaimed its territory

On July 1, one year ago, rain was cascading over the handover ceremonies of Hong Kong. It rolled with the tears down Chris Patten's cheeks, it splashed across a lone piper's lament, it drenched dancing children on a dragon parade. "It is washing away the shame of 156 years of imperialism," whispered those who welcomed the end of British rule. "God is weeping," cried others who regretted a Chinese takeover of their territory.

But for the Hong Kong-born businesswoman Julia Kwan, the rain was just monsoon weather. Last July she was less concerned with the handover than with setting up a skincare company in London, importing its ingredients from China.

Like many Hong Kong Chinese, Ms Kwan, 30, is the descendant of political refugees from Communist China — her father's family was dispossessed during the Cultural Revolution — and feels that she is typical of her generation in remaining unperturbed by the Beijing Government. She came to London simply because her boyfriend was moving here.

"The Chinese may still be communist in principle, but in practice they are increasingly capitalist," she explains. She knew from earliest childhood, she says, that the handover was inevitable. "Hong Kong was like a foster child that has been spoiled by its adoptive parents for too long. When suddenly its real parents wanted it back, it had to go, otherwise all the other children would have been asking 'Why should this one have special treatment?'"

Setting up her business was a pragmatic move. An established advertising producer, she could have continued her career in advertising and film

production in London. But realising that this would force her to start again at the foot of the British ladder, she decided to build on the Western interest in Chinese herbal remedies by using them as the basis for a skincare range.

Like many Chinese women, she grew up with a basic knowledge of the use of herbs to cleanse and detoxify the skin and to maintain good general health. Her inspiration was to combine this ancient knowledge with modern technology and Western design. The result was Wu, now packaged in lime green and filling cosmetic shelves in leading London shops.

Wu is the Mandarin word for five and represents the five elements — metal, wood, water, fire and earth — which, according to Chinese medicine, are the basis of good health. Ms Kwan first researched a manufacturing centre in Canton and established contacts with Chinese herbalists. She wants to open a branch of her company back in Hong Kong.

where her parents and her two brothers still live. She feels secure about its future. "And when I go back, which I do several times a year," she says, "I sense no change."

Is her experience typical? Even though Hong Kong is now suffering in the economic turmoil that is raging through Asia, the predicted exodus of Hong Kong's business community "hasn't happened at all," she says.

Neither have there been any hurried attempts to make cosmetic changes to the colonial legacy. Stalwarts of the British community still repair to the Hong Kong Club to discuss

their roller-coaster stock market over a gin and tonic. Even the barracks of the People's Liberation Army is still called the Prince of Wales Barracks.

And though someone pitched a can of red paint over the grim-visaged statue of Queen Victoria in Victoria Park, it turned out to be an artistic rather than political statement. The artist, who is now holding a show of scarlet exhibits, simply wanted the whole world to see red.

The Hong Kong business community is wary of speaking out against its new Chinese overlords, of further rocking a boat already flung about wildly by a turbulent financial climate.

There is an underlying sense that justice will cease to be blind, that cynicism will seep into its political processes, that administrative transparency will gradually cloud. But it remains largely unvoiced.

"This is not to say that there will be no changes. It's still early days," says Simon Murray, a fund manager who has been based in Hong Kong for more than 30 years. "There may be a gradual shift in the standards which we think of as the norm. There is already a feeling that there is a creeping self-censorship in the press, a sense that the legislative council may not be quite as democratic as it used to be. But there is no real evidence yet."

Ms Kwan still travels to China regularly to test and buy traditional herbal ingredients. She owes her success in large part to an inherited Chinese work ethic. "I work around the clock," she says, "seven days a week, 12 months a year. And coming from Hong Kong I knew that anything was possible. English people were always telling me how difficult it would be to start a business, pointing out problems, warning me I might fail. But in the East we are positive. When I go home my friends are not even surprised by my success. They expect it."

## 'Chinese communists are in practice increasingly capitalist'

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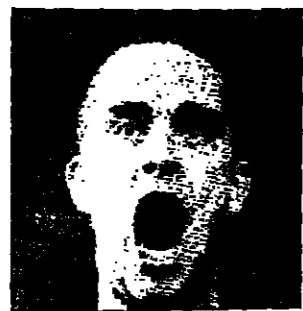
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I had it moments, but extracting the joy from this year's Glastonbury was harder work than usual.

storned his way through a set that left no waverers. Unlike Williams, who had to fight tooth and nail for serious recognition...



Show stopper: Cerys Matthews of Catatonia treated the crowds to an overwhelming demonstration of female power

in tents, on the other hand, were perhaps not surprisingly always full to overflowing.

As in previous years, the staging was a miracle of organisation with most acts starting and finishing at the advertised time.

dry) and their hearts, for whatever reason, not being fully engaged in the festival.

Having cheerfully murdered an eccentric selection of songs, including Edwyn Collins's A Girl Like You...

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D eirdre Gribbin's new opera, premiered at Aldeburgh on Friday, is composed, written and directed by women.

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# The people's Somerset House

After years of campaigning, London's most elegant Georgian square is on the brink of being reclaimed for the public. This Wednesday, Somerset House will host a free performance of Beethoven's *Fidelio*, relayed live from the Vienna State Opera onto a big screen in the Great Court. It could be the start of a new era for a magnificent open-air space which, until now, has led an ignominious half-life as a car park for civil servants.

The new trustees of Somerset House, chaired by Sir David Sainsbury, are determined to create a party atmosphere. Up to 4,000 people are expected to watch the opera on a 42sqm screen, very much as they do in the Covent Garden piazza, buying food and drink from nearby stalls.

The event will be a public celebration of London's longest running heritage lobby. The cry of "ban the cars from the Great Court" has reverberated for three decades, ever since the campaign was launched by Simon Jenkins, *The Times* columnist,

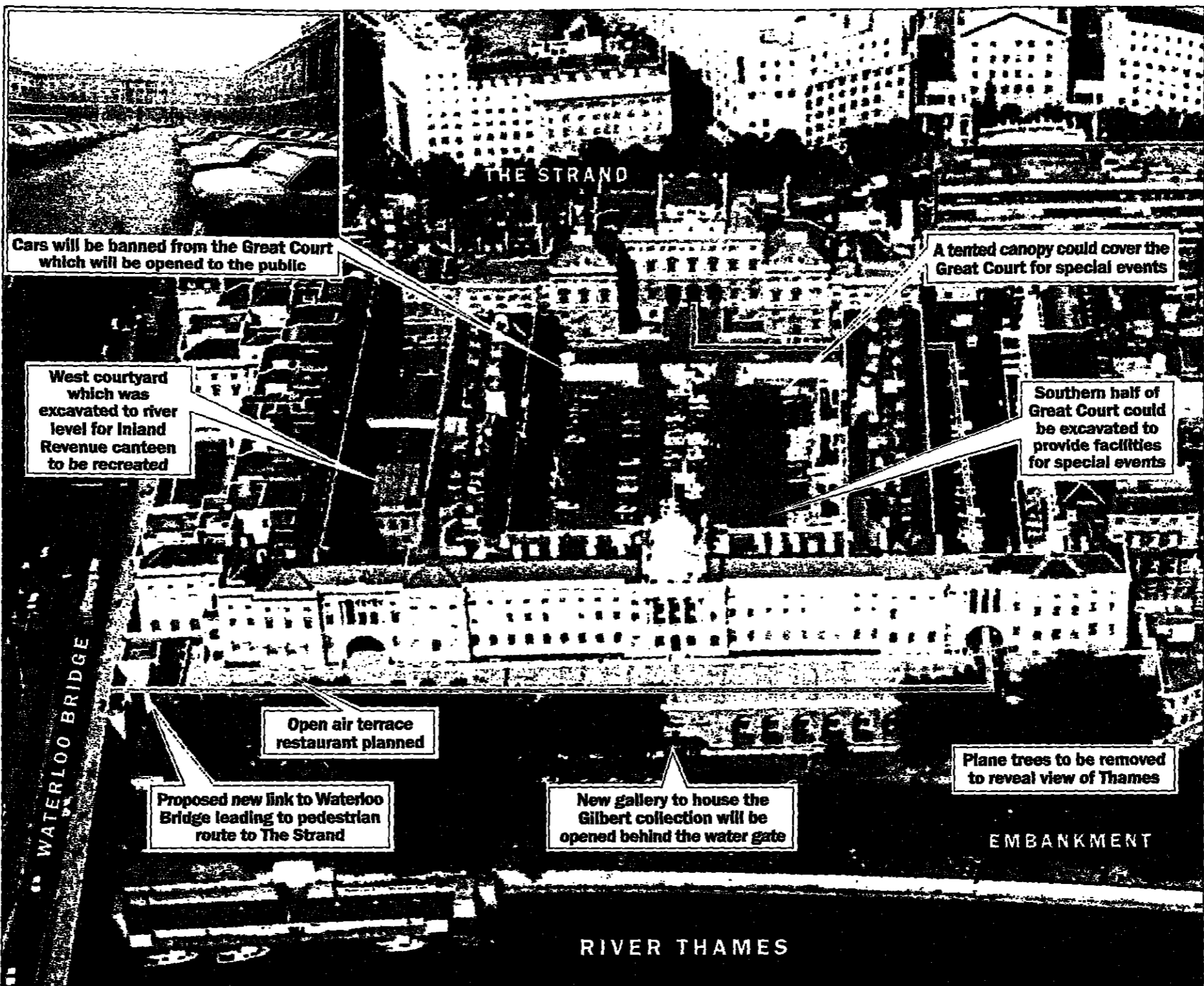
The cry of 'ban the cars' has echoed for the past three decades

when he was a cub reporter on the *Evening Standard*.

Now victory is in sight. This month the Lord Chancellor's department moved out to less than Irvingian splendour in High Holborn, freeing the court of up to 100 cars. Somerset House's other occupants, the Inland Revenue, have also promised to clear out. "We have a contractual agreement that they will remove their cars as soon as the courtyard is repaved," says Duncan Wilson, the new director of the Somerset House Trust.

Somerset House, begun in 1776, was designed by Sir William Chambers, who more than any architect gave London its tradition of grand Classical government buildings. Its Great Court is regularly in demand as a film set, doubling as St Petersburg in a recent James Bond movie, while its deep double basements are frequently used as a backdrop to scenes of Hogarthian and Dickensian London.

But the place was built principally as premises for the learned societies (now at Burlington House in Piccadilly) and arcane government departments such as the Salt Office and the Navy Sick and Hurt Offices. For years it was synonymous with the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, which moved to new premises in the 1970s to be succeeded by the Courtauld Institute galleries. Then, in the 1980s, Michael Heseltine announced that the whole of Somerset House would be handed



Cars will be banned from the Great Court which will be opened to the public

West courtyard which was excavated to river level for Inland Revenue canteen to be recreated

A tented canopy could cover the Great Court for special events

Southern half of Great Court could be excavated to provide facilities for special events

Open air terrace restaurant planned

Proposed new link to Waterloo Bridge leading to pedestrian route to The Strand

New gallery to house the Gilbert collection will be opened behind the water gate

Plane trees to be removed to reveal view of Thames

over on a long lease to a new trust to preserve huge ex-government buildings, such as the Chatham Dockyard Trust, have quickly found themselves underfunded. Somerset House has £10 million from the lottery for building works and a healthy £2.1 million in rent from the Inland Revenue.

When the Thames Embankment was built in 1870 the great water gate of Somerset House, more magnificent by far than that of the Tower of London, was cut off from the river. Now it will be excavated to its full depth.

Then there is the river terrace. In recent years this commanding 600ft frontage (complete with Roman colonnaded bridges) has been steadily obscured by the burgeoning plane trees of the Embankment. The trees could be pollarded, although Londoners might object to such

treatment of the capital's favourite tree. The trustees nonetheless plan to open the terrace to the public, with festive summer tents designed by their architects, Inskip and Jenkins. Peter Inskip explains: "Two existing pavilions by Chambers can act as serberies, and connections can be opened up to new kitchens beneath."

Behind the water gate a magnificent new gallery is being created for the £75 million Gilbert collection of silver, gold and micro-mosaics, previously the star exhibit in the Los Angeles County Museum. The cavernous space runs 360ft without a cross wall, and the terrace above is supported entirely on a continuous series of brick vaults. When opened, it will be an interior to rival the long galleries of the Vatican and Louvre.

Somerset House has languished because it is a cul de sac with a barely noticeable facade on the Strand. That problem is also being addressed. "We want to open up a link from Waterloo Bridge on to the river terrace, so people can walk from the South Bank through Somerset House to The Strand by way of an arch into East Street," Inskip says. "That is part of King's College, but we are in negotiations to open the route to the public."

Inskip also hopes to recreate the west courtyard, which was excavated to river level for a hideous Inland Revenue canteen hut. London thrives on free enterprise, and Somerset House must shed its institutional feel, without losing its dignity, by opening up unused interiors for a whole range of craft shops, and not just one or two tasteful museum shops. The Banks

of the courtyards were originally built as houses, and though knocked through for offices, would now convert well into a townhouse hotel with bars and restaurants that would bring people in the evening. The acid test will be whether lights are on after dark in the windows around the Great Court. If not, the place will be dead.

For Inskip, Wednesday's event is just the beginning. "We have done one scheme for a tent canopy that could cover the whole Great Court for special events. The southern half of the Great Court was simply filled with spoil by Chambers to build up the level. It could be excavated to provide green rooms and all the back-of-house facilities needed for special events." Watch this space.

For tickets to Wednesday's opera relay (8pm), phone 0171-420 0014 (maximum two tickets per application)

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## Striking Spark's

WHEN I reminded the National that we had seen Muriel Spark's *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* in the West End just three years ago, the retort was genially robust: "No, you didn't see Muriel Spark's *Jean Brodie* in the West End." Hum, thoughts.

Although the adaptor was still to be Jay Presson Allen, this latest version (at the Lyric) would presumably be more faithful to the novel. And maybe Fiona Shaw would make a richer 1930s schoolmarm than the sleek, svelte Patricia Hodge. Happily, both surmises came enjoyably true. The ending still does not tally in key ways with the original, but the dialogue is packed with authentically sparkling Sparkisms. And gone is the clunky device of Sandy - the pet pupil who became a nun - remembering her mentor in an interview with a nosy American hack.

This is the splendidly evoked domain of Jean Brodie, who suffers from one of teaching's great diseases, the need to be surrounded by initiates such as Susannah Wise's canny Sandy and Nicola Wheeler's eager, excitable Monica. She opens minds, but largely to fill them with herself - which is great when she talks of Giotto, but terrifying when she finds her heroes in Mussolini and Hitler.

THEATRE

Using towering fretwork now as a grille, now as a gym wall where girls perch like birds or hang like bats, Phyllida Lloyd's production jumps deftly between the mummy and a school packed with scuttling, scampering action.

## Opera that wakes your

"She is ridiculous and magnificent," insists one of her admirers. Nicholas Le Prevost's cynical Lloyd. And Shaw is both. She is witty, articulate and much, much more than silly when she talks of making her girls "la crème de la crème". Shaw's emphasis serves the play well. Brodie is a fundamentally serious person. She cares for her pupils as much as herself. But the finer and more charismatic she becomes, the more of a danger she is. Now there's a contradiction to ponder.

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# Who is going to play ball with Trimble?

Martin Fletcher finds World Cup parallels in Northern Ireland

As England cruised to World Cup victory over Colombia on Friday night, a much tenser contest was under way in Northern Ireland, where voters for the new assembly were being counted.

The football metaphor is not entirely inappropriate, for something remarkable has happened to those warring Unionists and nationalists, loyalists and republicans, who gathered at Stormont last September to begin the seemingly impossible task of negotiating a new beginning for their ravaged province.

They have been through a lot together — nine months of crisis-ridden talks, the final 33-hour marathon that clinched the accord, the hard-fought referendum campaign.

Erstwhile foes have become virtual teammates during the peace talks. They now share an obvious common enemy in Dr Paisley and those that would wreck their great achievement.

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Politically, Mr Trimble's position is even more fragile. Six of his nine fellow UUP MPs at Westminster oppose the accord. Over the weekend, two — Jeffrey Donaldson and Willie Thompson — threatened to leave the party if Mr Trimble sat in government with Sinn Fein without prior IRA disarmament.

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alignment that would leave the UUP representing a minority of Unionist voters. There is no finer walker of a political tightrope than Mr Trimble, but his skills will now be tested to their limit. If he reverts to the old hardline David Trimble who danced a triumphant jig with Dr Paisley at the end of the Drumcree parade in 1995, Northern Ireland's assembly simply will not work.

But the key issue — the one that has always bedevilled the peace process — remains IRA decommissioning. This was supposed to take place before the peace talks, at the end of the talks. Mr Donaldson now says that if Mr Trimble sits with Sinn Fein in even the assembly's shadow executive without actual and continuing disarmament, "I and

many other loyal members of the party would have to reconsider our positions."

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Pdraig Wilson, the IRA's "commanding officer" in the Maze, has hinted at some disarmament if Unionists fully implement the accord. The IRA is reportedly preparing to divulge the secret burial sites of the so-called "disappeared" as a sign that "the war is over for good".

The Government will shortly provide some lubrication of its own by outlining its own demilitarisation plans, and the loyalist Ulster Defence Association has signalled its readiness to decommission. For their part, some pro-accord Unionists have, in a subtle change of emphasis, begun demanding republicans prove their commitment to exclusively peaceful methods rather than disarmament per se.

The makings of a compromise are there, but whether Mr Trimble has the political strength to sell it is unclear. The future of the process remains precarious. And while England's victory was marked by rioting in the streets of Lens, success for this team would be marked by the long-overdue return of peace to Northern Ireland's streets.

# A timeless message of good and evil from Glyndebourne for the muddled enthusiasts of Glastonbury

## Getting a Handel on the New Age

We cannot be the only Glyndebourne and Glastonbury family. Last weekend our eldest daughter and her husband were at Glastonbury, where she was helping to run a stand for the Steiner schools; our two sons, my oldest son's wife, and our youngest daughter went with us to Glyndebourne. The other daughter did not go to either festival of music, but stayed at home to look after dogs belonging to both the Glyndebourne and the Glastonbury sides of the family.

There is no doubt that Glastonbury is growing up. Mary Ann Sieghart is a "regular": our daughter belongs to the same generation. These are serious people with first-class honours degrees and intellectual concerns.

As a family, we have always lived near Glastonbury, and I can remember the earliest days of the festival. Nothing very terrible happened. There was much talk about pot, and I'm sure that much pot was smoked. The citizens of Shepton Mallet tried to complain that their milk bottles were stolen from their doorsteps by people attending the festival.

One wonders how Glastonbury will develop in the future. No doubt the pop groups will change, as they always do. The music they play may seem progressively more old-fashioned, like Victor Sylvester playing Come Dancing for the grey-haired of the 1960s.

Will the next generation see Glastonbury, and the modern pop scene in general, as a fashion of their grandparents' time, as I can remember thinking of Gilbert and Sullivan when I was a boy? My father admitted both Kipling and Gilbert and Sullivan; now Tom Stoppard cannot understand my reservations about Kipling.

Some of us prefer the music of the 18th century to that of the 1960s. Even

more profound is the division between those who love comfort and those who feel that discomfort is a stimulus to the enjoyment of public events. This is not divided by age; our younger children consider Pimm's on the Glyndebourne terrace to be preferable to whatever is drunk in the Glastonbury mud — nettle soup, elderberry wine, rjia?

I ought to feel some sympathy for the New Age side of Glastonbury, since Mogg is, or may probably be, a druidical name. It is almost certainly Celtic. "Moch" is the Welsh for a sow; it seems to be the same word as moko for a donkey or moggy for a cat. The most famous of the old Irish druids, who dressed as a big bird and diverted thunderstorms to win battles, was called Mog Ruth; in that sense Mogg means servant, and Mog Ruth means the servant of the sun god.

If we wished to the Mogg could say that we were all the descendants of the ancient druids, and caper around Stonehenge at the time of the solstice. We could also revive the claim of "Mogg, king of Mendip, who divided his lands among his 12 children", and make a nuisance of ourselves to the Mendip council. I am not sure whether Glastonbury is inside Mendip for local government purposes, but I do not see why we should not include it in our ancestral kingdom.

I am not, however, a New Ager in my sympathies. It is not only the mud, which would depress me, or the

music — my loyalties are to the Cole Porter generation of popular music — or the pot, which was not known at my time in university, but the element of irrationality about it. In matters of religion, the irrational is dangerous. My daughter, though drawn to Glastonbury, does not belong to this New Age; none of the family is into tarot cards, channelling, joss sticks or flying saucers, though some of us have a sympathy for homeopathy and herbal medicines. I suppose one could say, that we are, on average,

William Rees-Mogg

about as New Age as the Prince of Wales, which does not make us wildly hippy. In one way we are all more New Age than him: none of us shoots birds. I would as soon shoot my grandmother, were either of my grandmothers still alive. It is a horrible act.

I do have a certain fear of some of the superstitions of the New Age, superstitions which are promoted in half the shops of the small town of Glastonbury itself. I like the openness to new ideas; I like the imaginative education of the Steiner schools; I like the breaking down of the exclusive conventions of the old society; I

understand why the 1960s generation feels a nostalgia for its own music: I even see a certain freedom in mud. I do not feel comfortable with the occult element in much New Age spirituality.

This spirituality is a genuine phenomenon; it is one which touches vast numbers of people. It reflects the changing place of women in the world. The worldwide surge of emotion at the time of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, was both an expression of this and of a spiritual hunger; she was converted into a goddess of compassion. Even the extraordinary triumph of new Labour, which is an ordinary political party, promising material benefits of a prudent scale, became a sort of second coming. The hunger is evident enough, and many aspects of it are innocent or admirable. But occult practices can be an opening to less benign spirits.

Yet it was at Glyndebourne on Saturday that the music was concerned with the reality of evil. Handel's opera *Rodelinda*, first performed at the Haymarket in 1725, is extraordinary. A revelation. The plot is indeed absurd; there is a usurper, a bereaved mother with her child, a rightful king who is thought to be dead but comes back and saves the usurper's life, a happy ending. The composer Henry Carey wrote his farce *Chronohotologus* to satirise the opera plots of the 1720s, but the plot of *Rodelinda* is just as far fetched.

In the Glyndebourne production, evil is symbolised by fascist uniforms. It is set in the 1930s. Handel is a very great composer; all the greatest composers paint spiritual pictures. For many people, the clearest idea they can have of the harmony of Heaven comes from the harmony of music. However absurd the plot, *Rodelinda's* music portrays the spiritual struggle between good and evil.

The difference between the appeal of Glyndebourne and Glastonbury comes from the date at which each was founded. The generational gap is the one between the 1960s and the 1930s, each of which was a decade of great cultural change. The 1960s sought a spiritual and material revolution which has now come to power politically with the dominance of the 1960s generation. The generation of the 1930s had to face evil in its most open and triumphant form. When the production of *Rodelinda* drew on the audience's response to fascist uniforms, it was dealing with the chief cultural experience of the 1930s generation, which was Hitler. In Glastonbury, in the mud, the natural reference points are less strong; they may be the Beatles, or their visit to the maharishi. The evil of the 1930s was flamboyant, but evil was not abolished in the 1960s.

A Glyndebourne there was a third culture on offer, that of the 1720s, of Handel, of Senesio, the great singer, and, less directly, of Pope, Gay, Swift, and that most reassuring of Prime Ministers, Robert Walpole. The 1720s have a joy and harmony of their own, though evil was just as real then, in the slave ships or the jails. At Glyndebourne, as Henry Carey mockingly wrote: "The singing singers, with vocal voices, most vociferous, in sweet vociferation, out vociferise even sound itself." For me the 1720s are the best of these three seminal decades of our culture.

# Labour's temple to the past

Money alone will not build better public services, says Peter Riddell

The Government is making a big mistake over the presentation of its public spending decisions. Tony Blair said yesterday that the MHS would celebrate its 50th anniversary with a much bigger increase in resources than anyone expected. Schools are also due to receive billions more in the statement on the comprehensive spending review in mid-July.

Labour MPs will cheer and the public will approve. But in concentrating on big money increases, the wrong message is being sent. Of course, public services need more money, but not unconditionally. It has to be with strings and spent differently.

If the Government is to improve standards in schools, hospitals and other public services, spending more money will matter less than challenging the producer interests — trade unions and local authorities — that have traditionally sustained the Labour Party. The lesson of the Tory years is that more money neither buys long-term popularity nor improves performance, unless accompanied by changes in the method of delivering services.

The Blairite view is that improvements involve a policy of differentiation — put crudely, carrots and sticks. Good performers, whether teachers, schools or local councils, should be rewarded with more resources and given more freedom to run their operations. The bad and indifferent should be kept under a close rein, regulated and monitored. Hence, the rise of the government inspector, covering not just schools but also local health and housing provision and local authorities.

The emphasis is on finding allies,



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and encouraging them, rather than in having pitched battles with unions. Such allies can be found among forward-looking local councils, as well as among heads and other teachers. This has already been reflected in a stream of initiatives from David Blunkett and Stephen Byers and will be the core of the wide-ranging Local Government Bill this winter.

The main evidence from the Tory years is that competition, comparison and delegated responsibility are key to improving performance. Sometimes this has involved the private sector, but as important has been greater independence for heads and other public sector managers. But this challenges the monopoly provision by councils and union power. The Government has been torn

The current schools Bill strengthens the powers of councils over schools in, for example, admissions, limiting diversity. But ministers have also allowed successful primary schools to expand in response to parental demand, given schools more control over their finances, and encouraged greater co-operation between the State and independent sectors.

The important test will be educational action zones. These are clusters of two or three secondary schools and a dozen or more primary schools which will be run by a public and private sector consortium and will be free to vary the national curriculum and teachers' national pay and conditions. Initial expectations about

a fresh start pioneered by outsiders, including private companies, have been disappointed. There are some useful innovations, but, as David Willetts, the Tories' new education spokesman has argued, the odds were weighed in favour of local authorities, which are the dominant partners in the first 25 zones announced last week, with the private sector mainly supplying help in kind and advice. The first batch of zones is more a cautious first step than a clean break. Indeed, some local councils may have mainly seen a chance to get some more money.

The challenge for the Government is to be more radical in the next round of zones next year. There are hints that the lead may be taken by parents and teachers' national pay and conditions. Initial expectations about

that the zones are too large, but they are intended to be on a sufficient scale to take over in time from some of the worst performing local authorities. There are already murmurs that the zones may be allowed to open new schools, like charter schools in America, which are taxpayer-financed but operate independently of local authorities.

Ministers have been hesitant about moving publicly in this direction. David Blunkett, who has been uncompromising on pressing for higher standards, is still committed to a local authority solution. Rather like John Prescott, he has been a reassuring figure for old Labour, allowing changes to occur without confronting teaching unions.

More money obviously plays an important part; but it will improve results only if traditional structures are challenged. There are fears in Whitehall that too much of the increases in spending on health and education will go on higher pay all round, rather than on improving services — despite attempts to earmark increased budgets to specific targets and outcomes.

The teaching unions' defence of nationally negotiated terms stands in the way of local innovation and of increasing pay in relation to performance, and where there are problems of recruitment (for example, of mathematics teachers).

In other areas, also, public sector unions are resisting changes. Union has been threatening strikes over private finance initiative deals to build new hospitals, while the RMT rail union has already held a two-day strike over Mr Prescott's plan to inject private capital into the London Underground. The rail unions are increasingly coming under the influence of Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party. So, if the Underground is to be overhauled, the Government will probably have to confront and defeat the rail unions.

Across the range of public services, new Labour can deliver in office only if the institutions of old Labour are bypassed and weakened. At present, the Blairites prefer operating by stealth, but, sooner or later, a more open battle will have to be won.

## That's life

AN INFUX of new life peers appointed by Tony Blair is running up against the tradition of hereditary sorts who grumble that the aristocrats are trying to pinch their names. Nouveau peers, including Norman Lamont (pictured right) and Melvyn Bragg (left), are among those who have had their first choice of title rejected. Despite finding himself rather at home in Hampshire after fashioning a successful career as a novelist, broadcaster and columnist for this newspaper — Bragg was keen for a title that would reflect his Cornish roots. This was planned for Baron Bragg of Wigton. Unfortunately, he had not figured on Lord Egremont, whose northern residence is Cockerthout Castle in Cumbria, and who already has claims on the delightful notion of Wigton.

Our favourite former Chancellor, Norman Lamont, has also found difficulty. He was set on becoming Lord Lamont but I gather that a marquis has a claim on the name, so he is likely to settle for Lord of Lerwick. Until Lamont reaches agreement with the Lord Lion, who runs the Edinburgh offices of the Garter King of Arms, he cannot style himself a lord.

Hierarchical sorts believe that if fifiers are to accept peerages they should reconcile themselves to shedding their old surnames entirely. Charles Kidd, an arbiter of such matters for Debreth's, says: "I



don't see why they can't choose a place name, like Harold Macmillan did with Stockton. The alternative has become run of the mill."

CLERICAL types have been locking to Racing Demon at the Chichester Festival Theatre. Sir David Hare's seaborne play about a Church of England in crisis, starring Dinsdale Landen (who once toyed with a dog-collared career) and Denis Quilley, has pulled in a veritable confusion of theologians — including a rather



shifty looking Bishop of Chichester, the Rt Rev Eric Kemp.

### Gruff Griff

GRIFF RHYS JONES, once an angry young comic, has completed his passage into the wealthy heart of the Establishment. The bluish star of *Not The Nine O'Clock News* and *Alias Smith And Jones*, is reported by estate agent types to have spent £2 million on a new pad in London's Fitzroy Square — and to have received tenders for up to £2.5 million of "alterations". Mr Rhys Jones, who has made £5.5 million from his jokes, refuses to confirm the figures, making it forcefully clear to my nosy underbutler Owen that he considers his DIY plans to be a "private matter". Quite right too, I'd say.

TALES from the cosmetics counter: the Queen of Spain has been sighted at the Body Shop in West London, Odd. The last time I saw the regal lady, she looked to be bearing up well and in little need of a face scrub.

### Hair apparent

WHAT'S gone wrong with Charles's barnet? The Prince of Wales is causing consternation at Trumpers, the Curzon Street crimpers to the gentry. The culprit is his extravagant side-parting to cover his bald pate, which is beginning to resemble the folical strategy deployed by Bobby Charlton. "We don't know who is guilty of that particular crime, we'd love to find out, as we think it's hideous," says Trumpers. "We cut his hair until he married but, like other members of the Royal Family when they get married, their women take them away."

HAVING become an American citizen, Lynn Redgrave seems to be growing more British. The actress has decided to add a barrel to her surname, thus distancing herself from the thespian dynasty. From now on she wants to be known as Redgrave-Clark, incorporating the name of her husband of 31 years, John Clark. "I felt it was time for a

new beginning, a new identity," she says. "It took a long time to decide about changing my citizenship but I really wanted to vote." Stand by for a swing to the Left.

### Duetting

TO BE filed under "unlikely friendships": Bill Wyman, the Stones who had the grace to stop rilling, has become matey with David Ruffley, a bright young Tory MP who used to be special adviser to Ken Clarke. Wyman has already been to dinner



"It wasn't like this when Ian McCaskill was in charge"

at the Commons as a guest of Ruffley, and is now bracing himself for a return match at Sticky Fingers, Wyman's burger bar in Kensington.

The two met in Ruffley's Suffolk constituency, where the rocker owns the finest Jacobean manor house in the county. "It is a personal thing, rather than Wyman coming out for Hague, or anything political," says the likeable Ruffley. "He is a very friendly and interesting guy. But it does show that us lot know a thing or two about Cool Britannia, too."

WATCHING his hair turn even whiter during another tense World Cup has not deflated Bobby Robson, former England manager. Asked who he would like to play him in (a rather unlikely film of his life), he chose Robert De Niro.

### Old soak

MADONNA (pictured) has been in London filming a video for her next pop record, and taking a swipe at the paparazzi who some blame for the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The American chanteuse will be seen running down a street, pursued by photographers. She will then jump into a dark limousine and speed off, still being



chased. Residents of the Islington street, closed for filming, were struck by the parallel. Duncan Terrace was hosed violently with water to give the effect of rain (for once the sky was dry). Madonna was dressed soberly, in black, and interrupted filming to cuddle her baby. "Perhaps she identifies with Diana because of the invasion of privacy both have experienced," suggests a local sort. Such sympathy might have something to do with Madonna's generosity: she gave a case of champagne to residents for their summer party.

JASPER GERARD



## TRIMBLE'S TROUBLES

Ulster has another difficult week ahead

Politics in Northern Ireland is as much a matter of numbers as words. Precision in language can make the difference between provocation and peace. But in the days ahead, it is dates and statistics which have to be faced with sensitivity. Ulster's political calendar is mined with days which require careful forethought if they are to be successfully negotiated. And the new political landscape after Thursday's election is marked by delicate balances of voting strength which have to be approached with care. If the man most likely to lead Northern Ireland into a new era, David Trimble, is to succeed, then those who have deployed charged language before must deal carefully with details of timing and tactics.

Last week's election was a dangerously close-run thing for Mr Trimble and his Ulster Unionist Party. Although he has emerged the leader of the largest block, and the likely First Minister, there are problems aplenty ahead. The biggest looming difficulty is the Orange parade in Drumcree scheduled for this Sunday. A decision on whether or how the march could go ahead should be taken by the Parades Commission later today. It must find a solution that Mr Trimble can sell to his constituents. The march itself may seem a curious relic to other citizens of the United Kingdom. But at a time of change in the life of the Province, those with a deep emotional allegiance to the Union cling all the more fiercely to these expressions of their identity.

The election showed that the Unionist family is divided and uneasy. Although the complexities of the voting system defy easy analysis, there are troubling messages for Unionism. A majority of the Protestant vote went to parties which backed the Good Friday agreement. But it seems as though a bare majority of those who traditionally vote for explicitly Unionist parties, chose to support candidates with reservations about

the agreement. In those circumstances, it is Unionism which requires reassurance, and tolerance towards the Drumcree marches would be a sign of sensitivity. The Parades Commission should, in the interests of all Ulster's citizens, allow the march to proceed.

If the right decision is taken today, then it should be easier for Mr Trimble to clear the next hurdle, on Wednesday. The election will take place then for Northern Ireland's new First Minister and any candidate must secure the support of a majority of both Unionist and nationalist assembly members. The arithmetic is agonisingly tight. And Mr Trimble's exposed flank is paradoxically, on the Unionists' side.

John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party has successfully secured a majority of the nationalist electorate, and the SDLP will willingly support Mr Trimble's election. But the broad alliance of the assembly opposed to Mr Trimble number 28, which is exactly as many as were elected under UUP colours. Mr Trimble can rely on the support of the two members of the Progressive Unionist Party. But even within his own band there are potential dissidents. They are likely to support Mr Trimble on Wednesday, but his position among his own people will be seen to be fragile.

His capacity, once selected, to build a government for Ulster which the Unionist electorate can support, will depend on the willingness of paramilitaries to prove their commitment to peace. If Sinn Fein is serious about democracy, then its leadership must realise that Mr Trimble cannot carry sufficient support with him unless there are gestures of goodwill. That will mean an end to punishment beatings, condemnation of fringe republican violence and progress on decommissioning. If Sinn Fein does not respect a timetable for removing the IRA's arsenal, then Unionist numbers uneasy about the Assembly could grow ominously.

## FROM PRISON TO POWER

Abiola remains the best hope for Nigeria

The sudden unlamented demise two weeks ago of Nigeria's dictator, General Sani Abacha, months ahead of elections for which he was the sole candidate, created hope that his country might see a retreat from the political abyss. His successor, General Abdulsalam Abubakar, seemed to offer a chance of reform. Despite having been Abacha's deputy, he is a professional with little history of political interference; he also has surprisingly clean hands for a country which tops the world's corruption indices. His first moves — among them the release in the last week of 27 of the more prominent of the country's several hundred political prisoners — have been labelled by cynical democracy activists as "cosmetic".

But they have been sufficient to signal an end to Nigeria's diplomatic isolation. The regime's heavy hints that it is about to set free Chief Moshood Abiola, probable winner of the annulled elections of 1993, have drawn envoys from Britain and the EU (both in the person of Foreign Office Minister Tony Lloyd), the Commonwealth (through the secretary-general, Emeka Anyaoku today) and a delegation from the United States shortly, to Abuja. The regime would like to release Chief Abiola; it is also clear that it first wants him to retract his claim to be President. The danger is that the envoys in Abuja might put pressure on Chief Abiola to make such a declaration.

Excuses for such a position abound. With his health wrecked by imprisonment, Chief Abiola may not be physically capable of the demanding task of rescuing Nigeria from the mire. At the same time, General Abubakar is in a difficult position. He insists that he will honour the October 1 deadline

for return to civilian rule, inherited from General Abacha; he apparently has little interest in retaining power for himself.

Yet the opposition parties created by General Abacha — to bestow legitimacy on his election to the post he seized — are in no fit state to choose new candidates or to mount an election campaign. General Abubakar's position in the Provisional Ruling Council (PRC), the group of army officers which runs Nigeria, is not secure. The PRC is hostile to all Nigerian politicians. Urging Chief Abiola to compromise would be a pragmatic course of action.

It would also be wrong. General Abacha's death has created a desire for reform which General Abubakar may not prove strong enough to satisfy. Yet Chief Abiola possesses a quality rare in Nigerian politics: undoubted legitimacy, derived as much from his conduct in captivity as the 1993 election. Whatever his motives for declaring himself President a year later — the action which saw him convicted of treason — he refused General Abacha's offer of freedom in return for retraction and a retreat from politics, at a time when his ill-health made it likely that further imprisonment would kill him.

It would be shabby of the international community to press him to accept such an offer now. His stand for democracy has given him the aura of statesmanship, a quality not evident in 1993. The form of any administration he might head — transitional, national reconciliation, or conventional — is a matter for negotiation. But he cannot negotiate as a prisoner. Chief Abiola is Nigeria's best hope, and without conditions, should sanctions be lifted.

## A MATTER OF FORM

Universities need to know more about their students

Application forms are rarely riveting reads: the document supplied by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service is not much of an exception. It invites artistic licence as students struggle to find convincing reasons why they want to study a certain course at a specified location other than the convenient distance it would place them from their parents. The section on "personal interests" has often suggested that applicants are rather more rounded in character than turns out to be true in the flesh. Students are offered the chance to make the best possible case for themselves on paper. From next year, UCAS will insist that they declare criminal convictions as well.

It is not difficult to understand why universities would want such information. A campus is a community and one which can be undermined by the actions of a small number of individuals. Those who have a propensity for criminal damage, drug dealing or theft need, at the very least, to be dealt with in a different fashion from other supervised in a different fashion from other undergraduates. Some grave offences would undoubtedly indicate against admitting the offenders. The case of a serious sexual assault in Southampton, where the assailant concerned had a history that was unknown to his tutors, has obliged universities to act. They will decide for themselves whether they should take this new data into account when making offers. Their move has raised legitimate concerns. Applicants will be asked to list convictions — some for minor offences — but will not have the chance to

provide any context or explanation. There is the danger that candidates will find themselves excluded from higher education on the basis of mistakes made at a very young age. The sheer number of aspiring students has forced many universities to make decisions on their places without conducting interviews. This has inevitably enhanced the status of the UCAS form. The issue here is not really one of privacy but proportionality. There are a number of steps that UCAS can take to allay these fears. The question itself should be less intrusive: it could ask whether one of a set of offences of obvious relevance to university life had been committed. UCAS should seek an agreed code of practice among universities. This could be made available to applicants in advance of their final choices. Without initiatives of this kind, some prospective students may receive arbitrary and unreasonable rejections.

The best way to avoid this is for universities to discover what they need to know by more subtle means. Tutors constantly complain that references provided by schools reveal little of real value. Not only school records but medical and psychological problems are often not deemed worthy of comment. The era of mass higher education has made the provision of references a bureaucratic burden. It has become a depersonalised process as a result. In many cases this will not affect the prospect of admission. For some candidates, however, whether a reference is used to its full extent or not may now prove decisive.

## Blind candidates for the Bench

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, In his letter of June 20, Sir Michael Ogden, QC, expressed his concern about the recent experimental appointment of four visually impaired people as magistrates. Notwithstanding some of the points raised in the letters which you have published in response (June 25), I am sure that my disappointment with Sir Michael's comments will be shared by many — not least by the four magistrates in question, who were assessed on the same basis as sighted candidates.

I believe that attitudes towards the capacity of the disabled, and their position in society, are changing fast and that as many people as possible should be able to contribute to the life of their communities as magistrates. This pilot project will enable me to decide whether blind people should have the opportunity to do so.

Before deciding to hold the experiment, I considered a number of arguments against their appointment. One of them was the importance attached to the observation and demeanour of witnesses. On the other hand, it is argued that blind people listen more carefully and are able to gain equally valid impressions about a person's character and truthfulness from what they have said.

It is also argued that blind persons cannot be prejudiced by a defendant's appearance. And it must not be forgotten that blind magistrates will not sit alone, but as members of a bench of three, which will pool its assessments.

The progress of these magistrates will be monitored. We shall seek the views of fellow magistrates, prosecutors and other court users. Once the magistrates have been sitting for 12-18 months, I shall carefully consider the views of everyone involved, as well as those of the visually impaired magistrates themselves, before deciding whether the magistracy should be made open to the visually impaired on a permanent basis.

Yours sincerely,  
IRVINE LAIRD,  
House of Lords,  
June 25.

From Mr John A. Wall

Sir, Sir Michael Ogden's statement that a blind JP "will not be able to observe the whole demeanour of a witness" deserves refutation.

I became totally blind at the age of eight. I qualified as a solicitor in 1954, and towards the close of my career as a partner in the litigation department of a City firm I was, in 1990, appointed a Deputy Chancery Master, a part-time post which I still hold.

I was party to the discussions which resulted in the rejection by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and after him by Lord Irvine of Lairg, of the contention that a blind person could not appreciate "body language".

A blind person is not influenced by the fact that the witness or defendant may look smart, or scruffy. Appearance is frequently used to deceive, rather than give a true impression. There is scientific evidence that it is easier for a performer to deceive his TV audience than the radio listener.

The four blind people appointed by the Lord Chancellor have been carefully chosen: one criterion was to ensure that they are well adjusted to blindness. The Court of Appeal, in *Regina v Argent* (Law Report, December 19, 1996), pointed out that when a jury resolves a question of fact, it does so in the exercise of "collective commonsense, experience and understanding of human nature". Sir Michael must surely accept that arriving at the truth in a criminal trial is an intellectual, not a visual exercise.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 25.

## Cambodia and the EU

From the Minister of State,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, You argue in your editorial today, "Friends in need", that the international community should lobby for a postponement of the election in Cambodia; and you suggest that "an electoral force could yet be given an international seal of approval".

The EU, under the British presidency, has worked hard to create conditions under which elections in Cambodia could go forward. We have told the Cambodian leadership, bluntly, that their record needs to improve.

I made clear to Mr Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister, in Phnom Penh last month that we remained worried by continuing human rights abuse, intimidation, and the apparent impunity of certain officials.

But the answer is not to recommend delayed elections. It is to monitor the elections, in force, and objectively. Over 100 EU monitors will be in the country for the elections, led by Mrs Glenys Kinnock, MEP. Their task will be to judge — not to prejudge — whether the elections have been free and fair.

Mr Hun Sen knows that a critical judgment would deter potential investors and donors and would set Cambodia back years.

Yours,  
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June 24.

## Minimum wage

From Mr Alastair MacMillan

Sir, In response to Frank Allaun (letter, June 24), it is not surprising that the Government has sided with employers over the minimum wage. They are, after all, the largest low-wage employer.

I have found it strange that, considering all the column inches and hot air devoted to this subject, so little mention has been made of the direct cost to the Government and taxpayer of implementing the minimum wage.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 24.

## Druid rituals

From Mr Mark Splane

Sir, I was somewhat bemused by your leading article (June 22; see also letters, June 27) telling me to have "a proper gratitude for the protection of Christian civilisation" from brutal and bloody pagan religions in which human sacrifice plays a necessary part. I had been of the impression that a particularly brutal and bloody human sacrifice was central to Christian belief.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 27.

## Shorter NHS waiting lists 'at the expense of care'

From Dr Robin Loveday

Sir, Ian Murray's interview with Sir Alan Langlands, published in your supplement on the NHS (June 23), demonstrates Sir Alan's accurate perception that hospitals cannot sensibly respond to orders to suddenly reduce waiting lists without a steady and considerable strengthening of the infrastructure in the hospital service.

It is a pity that Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, did not heed this advice when instructing trust chief executives to reduce waiting lists forthwith, with no excuses accepted and the not-so-veiled threat that their jobs were on the line in the event of failure (report, March 23).

As a consequence of that threat, there is substantial pressure upon nurses, surgeons and anaesthetists to work a seven-day week with less than adequate supporting facilities. Those same staff have long been working substantial overtime, to expect more from them is not sensible or safe for the patients in their care. Recruitment and retraining of extra staff simultaneously by all hospitals in the land is just not possible in the timescale demanded.

Do patients really want to have their operations conducted by temporarily recruited or exhausted staff on a Sunday, and at a time when supporting services such as X-ray, pathology and pharmacy cannot so readily be provided?

Whilst the allocated cash can achieve some improvements in waiting lists, there is every potential for the current initiative to result in substandard care for patients. At a time when all healthcare professions fear a further incident such as the Bristol affair (letters, June 9, 19, 23) it is particularly inappropriate to force hospitals to work in excess of their safe capacity. Long-term investment and

training of the necessary staff over several years has to be the way forward.

Frank Dobson should take note of the advice given by his own chief executive and should advise trusts that his targets must not be achieved at the expense of standards of care. With this understanding, I believe that patients will be prepared to wait a little longer for quality care.

Yours sincerely,  
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From Mr Nicholas Wibberley

Sir, A simple way to reduce the NHS waiting lists would be to make private operations tax deductible for a period.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 22.

## Library opening

From the President of the RIBA

Sir, I attended yesterday's opening of the British Library by Her Majesty the Queen (report, June 26). I found it remarkable that the architect, Sir Colin St John Wilson, who has been the ever-present fulcrum of this difficult project for so long, should be standing in the audience of 500 or so in the magnificent entrance hall, rather than being one of the four speakers on the platform.

The fact that when the Secretary of State, Chris Smith, paid tribute to Sir Colin in his speech, there was a spontaneous and long outburst of applause, demonstrated that Sandy Wilson and his team's achievement was recognised by those who know that quality, resilience and commitment are not easy to maintain over the decades.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 26.

## Tests on TV

From Dr S. R. Gregory

Sir, The news that summer Test match coverage may be lost to the BBC viewer (report, June 25) will be a bitter blow to most cricket fans up and down the country.

However, sniping at politicians, BSkyB, the BBC, or the England and Wales Cricket Board is not the answer. Instead we should be facing up to the real issue: sport requires investment and the BBC simply cannot compete with satellite channels because the licence fee remains ridiculously small.

If millions of Britons can be persuaded to part with more than £300 per year to see satellite films and sport, surely the BBC licence fee can be increased to allow the BBC better to compete.

Yours sincerely,  
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From Mr Desmond Armour

Sir, As a cricket-keen pensioner I am extremely disappointed that the Government has decided to rescind Test match cricket onto the B list. It means that, shortly, I shall never again be able to watch a Test match on my own TV, as I am unable to afford a pay channel.

The decision is doubly depressing, as yet another example of commercial greed overriding public consideration and of this Government's continued sucking-up to big business.

Sadly, the cricket authorities seem to embrace the idea of pay-through-the-nose sport.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 26.

From Mr John D. Day

Sir, I am enraged that the BBC might lose the Test matches to satellite. How am I going to get off to sleep now?

Yours faithfully,  
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COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 27: The Prince of Wales arrived at Lisbon Military Airport, Portugal, this afternoon and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic...

His Royal Highness afterwards visited Vasco da Gama bridge and subsequently the Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Conceicao das Matos.

The Prince of Wales later visited the town of Alcochete. His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic...

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a Dinner given by the President of the Portuguese Republic. Mr Nicholas Archer is in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 27: The Duke of York this afternoon attended the Royal School Summer Fair at the York Club, Windsor Great Park.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception in aid of St George's School at Windsor Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 27: The Princess Royal this morning visited Moncton Market, New Brunswick, Canada.

Birthdays today

The Duchess of Bedford, 78; Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, 87; the Hon Charlotte Bingham, 87; the Hon Charlotte Bingham, 87; the Hon Charlotte Bingham, 87...

Her Royal Highness afterwards attended the Dix-Neuvieme Finale des Jeux de l'Academie at the University of Moncton.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon attended the Guidon Parade of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) at Centennial Park, Moncton, and this evening attended a Regimenal Dinner at the Hotel Beau Sejour, Moncton.

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 28: The Prince of Wales this morning attended a ceremony to mark the beginning of the United Kingdom National Day at EXPO 98 and afterwards visited the Portuguese and British pavilions.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a gala performance of Songs of the Sea at the Julio Verne Theatre, Lisbon.

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a Reception and Dinner on board HMS Chatham.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 28: The Princess Royal this morning attended a Service in St Martin's in the Woods Church, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Her Royal Highness today visited Irving Eco-Centre, la Dune de Bouctouche.

The Princess Royal this afternoon departed Moncton Airport, New Brunswick for London.

Nature notes

GREY wagtails are nesting in cavities alongside rocky streams. In spite of their name, they are a brilliant yellow on the breast and under their long tail: the name comes from their blue-grey back.

Many more wild flowers are coming into bloom. Creeping Jenny spreads itself on woodland paths: it has cup-shaped yellow flowers and very round leaves.



The grey wagtail



A Monet painting of his garden at Giverny is expected to sell for up to £6 million at Sotheby's in London tomorrow. Waterlily Pond and Path by the Water is owned privately and has not been on show for more than 40 years

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend receptions at 11.30 and 3.00 for young people who have achieved the gold standard at the Palace of Holyroodhouse...

Army land reveals clues to Bronze Age farming

ARMY occupation of Salisbury Plain over the past century has led to striking preservation of ancient landscapes, a survey has found. The absence of deep ploughing has left areas of Bronze Age fields some 3,500 years old...

Service dinner

The Royal Irish Regiment General Sir Roger Wheeler, Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment, presided at the annual officers' dining club dinner held on Saturday in Northern Ireland.

Latest wills

Jean Dora Hooper, of Gloucester, left estate valued at £2,352,267 net. She left £10,000 to the RSPCA, Gloucestershire Cavalry Appeal Fund, St. Peter's Foundation, Gloucester City Hospital, RSPCA, FISA, and the Wood Green Animal Shelters.

University news

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Professor J.G. Hughes, A. Buchner, Mr M.D. Mulvanna, E107.267, from Maffi, Bioavailability of follic acid and natural folates: Studies using the functional marker plasma homocysteine...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.G. Bailey and Miss W.A.P. Crawley The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Dr and Mrs Grenfell Bailey, of Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Willa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eustace Crawley, of Chippenham, Cambridgeshire.

Marriages

Mr H.C.M.B. Peto and Miss L.J. Bask-Foot The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicolas, Stoke Harland, North Devon, of Mr Henry Christopher Morton Bask-Foot, eldest son of Sir Michael Peto, of Northumberland, and of Mrs Charles Worthington, of Devon, to Miss Louise Imogen Bask-Foot, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bask-Foot, of Berkshire. The Rev David Ford officiated.

School news

Abingdon School A reunion dinner for Old Abingdonians who left Abingdon School between 1923-1955 will be held at the school on Friday, October 23, 1998. Members of the teaching staff and other staff will also be present.

School news

House A.P.C. Hockey, St Piran's & The Oratory Junior House, L.T. Murphy, Ketter School, Hong Kong & The Oratory Junior House. Rishworth School, West Yorkshire The Governors of Rishworth School, West Yorkshire, announce the appointment of Mr Richard Baker, Deputy Head at The Habes Grammar School, Oldham, to be Headmaster from January 1999 on the retirement of Mr M.J. Efford.

Lecture

About a Painter Professor Pamela Howard, scenographer, will discuss the work of Caspar Neher, artistic collaborator and inspiration to Bertolt Brecht. The lecture will include excerpts from Brecht's literature read by actors Ms Sara Kestelman and Mr Jim Hooper. The event will take place on Thursday, July 2, at 7.00pm at the Cochrane Theatre, W.C1. For complimentary tickets call the Box Office on 0171 242 7040.

Appointment

Mr David Aung to be President and Lord Tang Vice-President of the London Bach Society.

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OBITUARIES

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER IVAN LOWE

Lieutenant-Commander Ivan Lowe, DSC, wartime naval aviator, died on June 15 aged 82. He was born on February 16, 1916.



Lowe (standing under propeller boss) with flyers of 898 Squadron and a Grumman Martlet on HMS Victorious, 1943

Joining the fledgling Fleet Air Arm just before war broke out in September 1939. Ivan Lowe took part in some of its earliest operations, notably the strikes against German shipping and installations during the Norway campaign. In a land/sea struggle which was otherwise a somewhat salutary check for British seapower, outnumbered by a much smaller German Navy, the aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm's Northern Striking Force scored some remarkable successes, crowning its achievements by sinking the German cruiser Königsberg in Bergen harbour after the long flight from its Orkney bases. Lowe flew as both dive-bomber and fighter pilot, in Norway and later in the Mediterranean, ending his war as an instructor in the United States.

Ivan Lowe was educated at St Paul's School, from where he went into the retail trade. Early in 1939 he was working as assistant manager of Marks & Spencer's Exeter branch when a friend, who had just joined the Navy to escape from the tedium of a career travelling in pub accessories, suggested that he do likewise.

With war palpably inevitable in the wake of Hitler's betrayal of the 1938 Munich agreement, Lowe promptly joined the Fleet Air Arm, and by the end of the year, with war now in progress, he had completed his advanced flying training. Early in 1940, he moved to the South of France where, at Hyères, not far from the naval base at Toulon, he qualified in aircraft-carrier deck landings.

When the Germans invaded Norway in April 1940 he was posted north to the Orkneys, where two Fleet Air Squadrons were based. Flying the Blackburn Skua, the Fleet Air Arm's first fighter/dive-bomber (and incidentally its first monoplane), Lowe carried out attacks on German destroyers and fuel dumps at Bergen and was awarded the DSC.

In June 1940 he was sent to 806 Squadron aboard the aircraft-carrier Illustrious. There, flying from a shore base to join the carrier, he was reported lost after the engine of his Skua failed as he was making the approach for his deck landing, forcing him to ditch in the sea. Lowe and his gunner, who had much brand new equipment as well as a precious gramophone in their aircraft, had made the safety of their kit and possessions a priority over their own comfort, piling this into their dinghy and opting to swim themselves, as the Skua sank. Seeing merely a dinghy full of suitcases the approaching rescue boat reported that there no survivors of the crash.

Illustrious subsequently moved to the Mediterranean, where in September 1940, flying a Fairey Fulmar, which had by then replaced the Skua as the Navy's shipborne fighter, he had his first kill, a Cant Z508 bomber-flying boat. After this success he was forced to ditch again, and was picked up by the Australian destroyer Stuart. With escort groups on the Malta convoy run under continuous heavy air attack in those months, Lowe had a chance to add to his score on

November 12, 1940, shooting down two more enemy aircraft. But in January 10, 1941, he was himself shot down when the naval escort group was intensively divebombed 60 miles south-west of Malta. As the raiders closed in, Illustrious frantically tried to launch her fighters, but Lowe's Fulmar had scarcely left the deck when it was hit from above by a burst of fire which killed his gunner and wounded him in the shoulder. Once more in the water, Lowe watched as Illustrious took repeated hits from enemy aircraft, sustaining heavy damage including a jammed rudder.

This last blow was Lowe's good luck. The fleet made off over the horizon leaving him drifting, cold, tired and losing blood, on an empty sea. But the carrier's damaged rudder eventually brought Illustrious full circle and he was spotted by an escorting destroyer and picked up.

After a period in hospital in Malta, where a machinegun bullet was dug out of his

shoulder, he was sent to RNAS Yeovilton as an instructor.

His next sea-going appointment was in command of 832 Squadron in the aircraft carrier Victorious, again in the Mediterranean. In November 1942, with uncertainty about which way the Vichy forces in French North Africa might jump at the time of the Anglo-American "Torch" landings, Lowe was told to make a show of strength over the Vichy airfield at Blida in Algeria. As he beat up the airfield his Fulmar came under heavy fire, to which he responded by strafing a line of aircraft parked off the runway, destroying two. When he returned to Victorious, mildly apprehensive about whether his robust reaction might be considered excessive by the task force's admiral, he was told that Blida had surrendered immediately after his attack.

Lowe spent a further year in Victorious, transferring to 898 Squadron as its commanding officer when the carrier was at Norfolk, Virginia, in the au-

turn of 1943. He later had periods back in Britain at the Fighter Leaders' School and the Empire Central Flying School, ending his war at Jacksonville, Florida, where he instructed British and American advanced pilots. He always used to say that he rated advanced training as more dangerous than combat.

After the war he spent a period ferrying Spitfires and Hurricanes to Spain for the Spanish Air Force. He next tried civil aviation, but after the thrills of naval aviation it did not appeal to him. So he returned to the commercial world to work for G. S. Royd's advertising agency, running, among other things, the famous Brylcreem account. He later joined Allied Breweries as product group manager, overseeing the relaunch of Double Diamond then the launch of Skol, Long Life and several other brands.

His marriage to his first wife, Betty, was dissolved. He is survived by his second wife, Pat, and by the three daughters of his first marriage.

MORRIS KESTELMAN

Morris Kestelman, painter, died on June 15 aged 92. He was born on October 5, 1905.



LIKE many intelligent artists, the painter Morris Kestelman enjoyed the challenge and stimulus of working in the various styles of his day, but this was never for the sake of self-promotion. Kestelman looked for the emotional centre of the different styles, and his work was always full of genuine feeling.

From delightful painting in response to Cezanne's discoveries, in 1931, he moved to theatre design - which showed to best advantage his firm draughtsmanship, his warm colour and his humanity - and then, after the war, his paintings of peasants at work on the land or by the sea made a bridge between British visionary artists such as Craxton and the European peasant life portrayed by Herman.

In the late 1950s Kestelman found an abstract language of form and emotion within his previous figurative work, which opened up further possibilities for him, trying to balance disturbance and tranquillity and to offer mankind a positive outlook.

Morris Kestelman was born in London, the second of four children of parents who had emigrated from Eastern Europe. At 17 he won a scholarship to the Central School of Arts and Crafts, where from 1922 to 1925 he studied under Bernard Meninsky, who was an influ-

ence on his work. Kestelman then spent three years at the Royal College of Art, where he developed an interest in the theatre. In 1929 he designed the decor for The Magic Flute at the Royal College of Music. Two years later, he paid his first visit to France, painting for three months in Soutine's old studio at Cagnes-sur-Mer and producing some resonant, responsive landscapes and village views which pay tribute to Cezanne's colour and architectonics. Kestelman painted there every year until the war, when he became a full-time air raid warden.

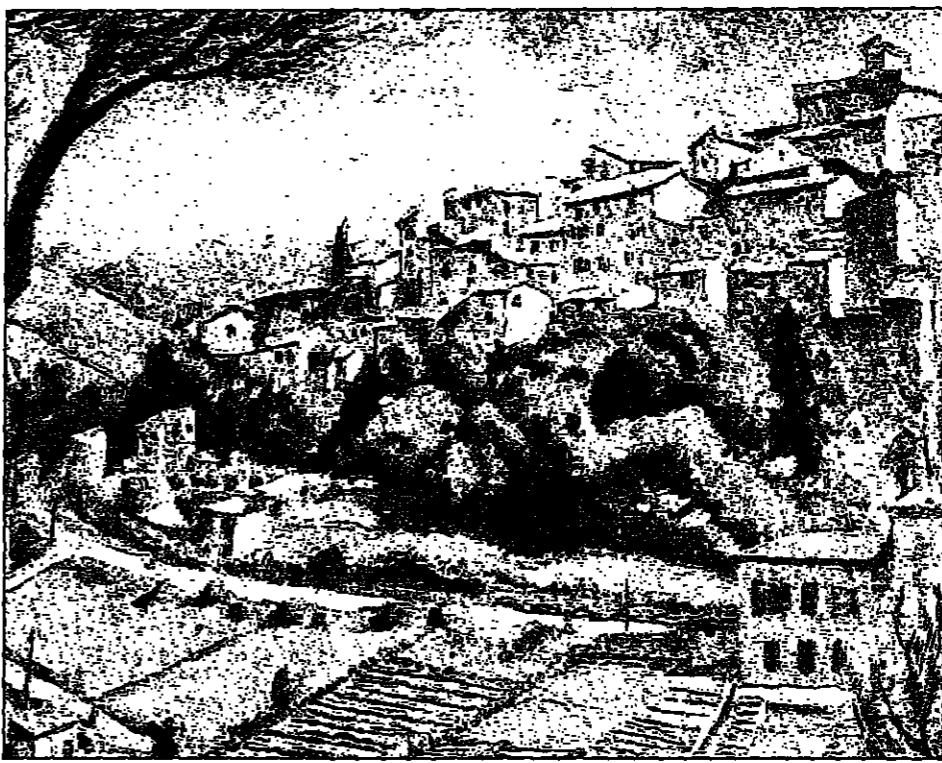
But before the war, in 1937, Kestelman had also pursued his interest in the theatre with a commission by Noel Carrington for an illustrated book on themes from the circus. The book was not published because of the war, but the pastels survived, and four were recently published as limited edition prints. In 1939 Tyrone Guthrie invited him to design sets and costumes for Carmen. Then between 1944 and 1949 he had a

series of theatrical commissions: Il Tabarro and Gianni Schicchi for Sadler's Wells Opera, and Richard III, The Alchemist and Dr Faustus for the Old Vic.

Two large murals which Kestelman executed in 1946 for an exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum led to his taking part in an exhibition of mural paintings at the New Burlington Gallery in 1950, and two murals were commissioned from him for the Festival of Britain.

Part-time art teaching, that invaluable prop for British artists, finally led to his appointment as head of the painting and sculpture school at the Central from 1951 to 1971. This meant sacrificing more of his painting hours than ever, but he participated in several group shows, including the Tercentenary Exhibition of Jewish Artists in Britain at the Whitechapel Gallery in 1956, Mural Art Today at the V & A in 1960 and the London Group's Jubilee Exhibition at the Tate in 1964. He also had a series of one-man shows from 1961, culminating in 1989 with a retrospective at the Boundary Gallery which represented him for 12 years. In 1983 he won the Abbey Major Award in Painting. He continued working to the last, and has a painting in this year's Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy.

Morris Kestelman married Dorothy Mary Creagh in 1936. She died in 1997, but he is survived by their daughter, the actress Sara Kestelman.



An oil on canvas study Haut de Cagnes, painted by Kestelman in 1931

ELISABETH SCHOOLING

Elisabeth Schooling, dancer, teacher and producer, died in Exeter Hospice on June 22 aged 83. She was born in London in 1915.



Schooling in Ninette de Valois' Bar aux Folies-bergères

AS ONE of the founder members of Ballet Rambert, Elisabeth Schooling enjoyed a wide range of roles by the leading choreographers of her day during possibly the most exciting and adventurous period in British dance history. She played probably more different parts than any of her contemporaries - a feat helped by an amazing memory for other people's roles as well as her own, which enabled her to take over at short notice in emergencies. This memory also brought her a second career in later life, reviving ballets from the past.

She joined Marie Rambert as a student in 1928 and was thus around during the run-up to the founding of the first continuing repertory ballet company in this country, which after seasons at the Lyric, Hammersmith, opened in 1930 as the Ballet Club in what was later named the Mercury Theatre at Notting Hill. Her chief merits as a dancer were outstanding musicality and a notable lightness seen to advantage, for instance, in the Waltz solo in Les Sylphides. Schooling took part in Rambert's opening seasons

(including the Camargo Society's special performances which brought together all available British talents), and the first of the many solo roles created for her came in 1934 as the Bride in Mermaid, with choreography by Andrée Howard and Susan Salaman to music by Ravel. This may have been some consolation for not being given at that time a role inspired by her looks. Rambert's husband, the playwright Ashley Dukes, remarked that with her straight fair hair worn in a fringe, Schooling looked just like Manet's painting La Fille au Bar, and he devised a scenario for the ballet Bar aux Folies-bergères. Also incorporating Lautrec's can-can dancers. But when Ninette de Valois agreed to do the choreography, she cast a more experienced dancer, Pearl Argyle, as the barmaid; Schooling however danced it later with great success - and without needing the wig worn by Argyle.

Soon, too, Schooling was having new roles made for her all the time. Andrée Howard in particular featured Schooling in five more premieres, including Cinderella where she and the choreographer played the Ugly Sisters. Antony Tudor chose her as one of the soloists in Suite of Airs, which had its first performance on BBC television in March 1937, and she also took over roles in several of Tudor's other ballets, as diverse as Hebe in The Descent of Hebe (one of her best parts), the tragic Caroline in Jardin aux Lilas, the bubbling French ballerina in Gala Performance and the sleazy Venus in Judgment of Paris.

Schooling was in the first ballets of Frank Staff (The Tarans, a lively trio) and Walter Gore (Valse finale), both in 1938, and proved one of the best interpreters of Staff's ballets. In particular, his comedy ballets Cherynya and Ceryny 2 allowed her to show on stage the irrepressible wit which was one of her off-stage attributes. Staff became her first husband and the father of her son, but later left them.

Along among Rambert's leading choreographers of that era, Frederick Ashton did not make any new roles for Schooling, but he put her into Alicia Markova's parts in many of his existing works, among them the Polka and the Deboutante in Façade, Mar-

guerite in Mephisto Valse and the Etolite in Foyer de Danse. It was also he who gave the first impetus to her career as a producer, when he asked her to stage his Façade (the detailed choreography for which he had forgotten) for de Valois's company at Sadler's Wells when he transferred there from Rambert in 1935.

Schooling remained with Ballet Rambert until 1945, except during the company's enforced 18-month wartime closure, when she danced in Tales of Hoffmann at the Strand Theatre. In 1945 and 1946 she danced in The Glass Slipper at the St James's Theatre, touring South Africa with Staff in between whiles. Staff rejoined Rambert for the 1947-48 Australian tour, after which she gave up her stage career.

A much happier second marriage took her to Devon, where her new husband was then a farmer. She taught dancing there for a time and emerged at intervals when asked to revive old works, usually for the Rambert company but she also worked on Nijinsky's L'Après-midi d'un Cavalier en Nureyev.

She relished any opportunity to revisit London, but also devoted herself to caring for her family and their beautiful house. She is survived by her husband Michael Chaplin, and by the son of her first marriage and a stepdaughter.

JAFAR SHARIF-EMAMI

Jafar Sharif-Emami, former Prime Minister of Iran, died in New York on June 16 aged 87. He was born in Tehran on September 8, 1910.

Germany and Sweden before joining the Iranian State Railways in 1931 as an engineer. He became Under Secretary of Roads and Communications in 1950, later rising to be Minister of Industries and Mines.

those in opposition to the Peacock Dynasty.

To placate the fundamentalists, he also closed casinos, nightclubs and cinemas that showed Western films. He then sought to legalise political parties and announced that a general election would be held in 1979. He initiated a campaign against corruption, released half of all political prisoners, and indicted the head of Savak, General Nematollah Nassisi, for torture.

WHEN the former Prime Minister Jafar Sharif-Emami fled Iran in 1979 after calls for his assassination, he was unaware that his fate rested on an extraordinary combination of luck and timing. He boarded what was to be the last flight out of Tehran before the Ayatollah Khomeini sealed Iran's borders, leaving behind a wife he would not see for five years.

Escaping to the United States, where he remained in exile, in New York until his death, Sharif-Emami chose to reverse the high profile he had maintained in Iran and live as privately and unobtrusively as possible. He was so shocked by the Islamic revolution and its aftermath, yet so convinced that it was unassailably entrenched that he refused to involve himself in efforts by exiles to restore the deposed Shah to power.

Jafar Sharif-Emami was born in Tehran and studied railway engineering in

These measures, however, had little effect, and after a period of civil and military strife, riots broke out across Iran in September 1978, forcing him to put 12 cities under martial law. With calls for the Shah's deposition growing, Sharif-Emami resigned as Prime Minister in November and fled at the beginning of the new year after learning of an edict to have him murdered.

In exile in New York he devoted his time to writing a memoir and learning English and Spanish. He also studied Sufi poetry.

His wife Eshrat, died last November. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

Church appointments

- The Rev Paul Adamson, Team Vicar, North Tyne and Redesdale Team with special responsibility for Falstone, Thomeyburn and Greystead, and World Development Co-ordinator (Newcastle); to be also Rural Dean of Bellingham (same diocese). The Rev Stuart Bain, Vicar, Spennymoor, Whitworth and Merrington, and Area Dean of Auckland (Durham); to be also Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (same diocese). The Rev Paul Baker, Team Vicar, Jarrow (Durham); to be Vicar, Sunderland Pennywell St Thomas (same diocese). The Rev Nigel Clemas, Vicar, Netherthorpe St Stephen (Sheffield); to be Rector, Chapel Chorton, Maer and Whitmore (Lichfield). The Rev Stephen Cope, Vicar, Rudston by Boynton and Kilham (York); to be also Rural Dean of Bridlington (same diocese).

DARLINGTON DISASTER

Excursion train wrecked Death toll of 23 Darlington, June 28 At the time of writing, 6pm, the police have just been able to complete the identification of the 23 persons who were killed in the railway disaster which occurred here shortly before midnight. The difficulty has been due not only to the character of the accident but also to the nature of the train's load - Newcastle and district excursionists in Scarborough. The disaster stands out as the worst in its results that has happened in this country since that at Grenn in 1915. Fourteen of the victims came from the one small town, Heston-Hole, Co Durham - 13 women and a man. They belonged to a party largely composed of members of the Mothers' Union. The following account of the disaster is given in the official statement issued by the railway company: "The London and North Eastern Railway Company regrets that the return excursion train from Scarborough to Newcastle, while passing Darlington Bank Top station at 11.20 last night, collided with the engine of a parcels train which was shunting vehicles. The engine of the excursion train

ON THIS DAY

June 29, 1928 "What was left was splinters of woodwork, hardly any piece recognisable as the side or door or window frame of a carriage. The line where the two trains had met was strewn with glass. The coach immediately behind the passenger engine suffered little damage, but No 2 coach was smashed to fragments, and it was this and the third coach that the attention of rescuers was first directed. Those who were earliest on the spot say that a silence of perceptible duration followed the crash. Then the air was filled all at once with shrieks and moans and cries for help, as the injured began to come to their senses and to realise what had happened. In the confusion and darkness the noise of escaping steam added to the threats of danger, and the fear of fire was present to the minds of many. Though there was no real delay in the arrival of skilled assistance - railwaymen, police, doctors, ambulance people and nurses - the work of breaking into the wreckage was hampered by the necessity of assembling suitable tools and gear, and the darkness added to the horrors of the time.

NEWS

Extra troops for marching season

An extra 1,000 troops have been drafted into Northern Ireland to contain any violence which could follow an announcement today about the re-routing of next Sunday's hugely contentious Drumcree parade.

Golden goal saves France

The hosts, France, became the first team in World Cup history to win a game under the new golden goal rule when they beat Paraguay 1-0.

Car tax review

The Government is studying a French-style car tax system, where drivers in urban areas pay more to discourage motoring in towns and cities.

Wimbledon surprise

Sam Smith, who beat Conchita Martinez to become the first British woman to go through to the fourth round at Wimbledon since 1985, has forbidden her family and friends from watching her play.

Sir Alf Ramsey III

Sir Alf Ramsey, 78, England's most celebrated football manager who masterminded the country's 1966 World Cup, was recovering after a stroke.

Order to soldier

The British soldier, who survived four days on Alaska's highest peak after being hurt in a fall, was reunited with his family and told: "Don't go up that mountain again".

Move to vet students

Universities want students to declare any criminal convictions on application for a place, after a series of attacks by those with criminal records.

Pregnant delight

Diane Blood, 41, who fought a long court battle for the right to have her dead husband's baby, said it "is a fantastic feeling to be pregnant".

Gospel truth from memory

Churchgoer David Bathurst is to recite all four Gospels from memory. It has taken him six years to learn Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and he will give a ten-hour recital next month, setting a new world record.

New tone on Europe

Britain relinquishes the EU presidency this week after a six-month turn that did much to convince a sceptical Continent that Tony Blair wants to be a full player in the European game.

A 'world city'

By 2025 foreign firms will own more than half the property in the City of London, a study says, making it the "only true world city in Europe".

After Tiananmen

President Clinton will make another controversial speech on human rights at Beijing University after his forthright remarks about the Tiananmen Square massacre on Saturday.

Serbs to free road

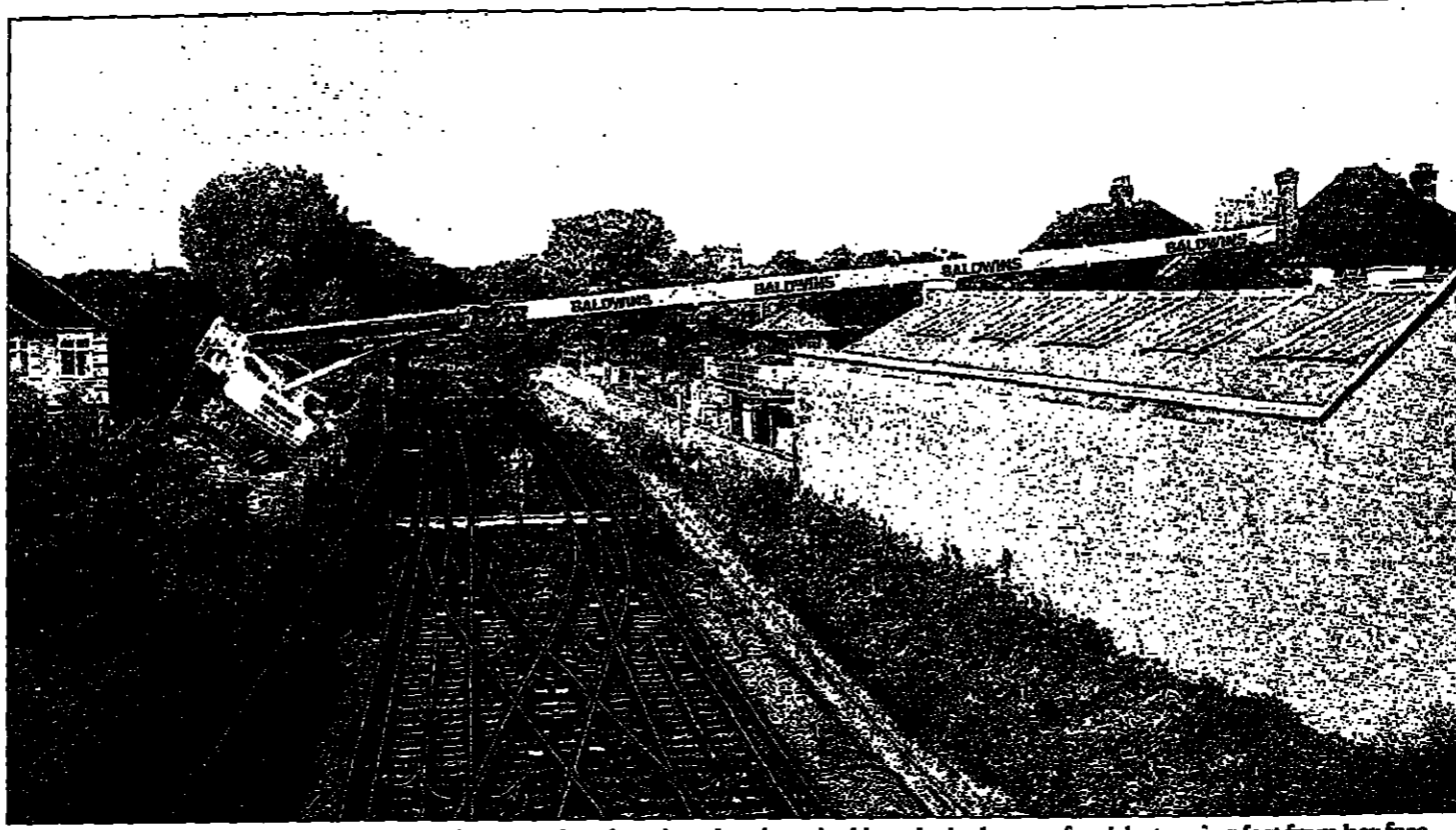
Serb forces are preparing to "cleanse" Albanian villages along the Pristina to Pec highway to break the KLA's stranglehold on the east-west axis.

Tripp to testify

Political temperatures are set to rise in Washington as Linda Tripp, who secretly taped her chats with Monica Lewinsky, testifies at a grand jury.

Quake city trembles

People in the southern Turkish city of Adana spent a second night out of doors as it was rocked by 60 tremors after a quake killed more than 100.



A 80ft crane at Boston Manor Tube station, West London, tipped and crashed into the bedroom of a girl, stopping feet from her face

BUSINESS

Going bust: The number of business failures jumped by nearly 10 per cent in the second quarter of the year; rate rises and the strong pound were to blame.

Power deal: PowerGen will announce the near-£2 billion takeover of East Midlands Electricity while pledging to divest generating capacity to allay fears over loss of competition.

Japan acts: Japan is to bring forward a bank rescue package by one week in an attempt to restore confidence in the yen and bring stability to global markets.

Name game: GEC, the defence and engineering company that is undergoing a wide-ranging restructuring, is considering changing its name to Marconi.

FEATURES

Numbers game: Can life be divined by mathematics? A mathematician-writer thinks that numbers can reveal its secret.

Listen up: Scientists have found a possible explanation for the hearing difficulties that afflict some people during conversations in crowded rooms.

Cool threads: Suits are loosening up for summer.

Some mothers do... William Hague's illness and operation may have weakened his reputation as a Tory strongman.

Hong Kong: The former colony a year after the British handover.

ARTS

Melvyn Bragg: "There are in this country a number of remarkable writers and television and radio producers whose work on human rights is powerful and charged with urgency".

Mud sticks: This year's Glastonbury pop festival had all the traditional elements - rain, mud, crowds - yet somehow it lacked a heart.

People's palace: When Somerset House's Great Court hosts a free opera performance on Wednesday, it will be the climax of an epic heritage campaign.

Prime Shaw: A new staging of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie provides Fiona Shaw with the chance to be magnificent, ridiculous - and dangerous.

SPORT

Football: France moved into the quarter-finals of the World Cup with a "golden goal" victory in extra time over Paraguay in St-Etienne.

Motor racing: Michael Schumacher won the French Grand Prix and Eddie Irvine was second to give the Ferrari team its first one-two for eight years.

Cricket: Ben Hollioake, the 20-year-old Surrey all rounder, has been recalled by England for the third Test against South Africa at Old Trafford.

Golf: Sam Torrance ended his three-year wait for a tournament victory by winning the Peugeot French Open in Paris.

Rugby union: Despite another big defeat by New Zealand in the second international, England put up a much-improved show.

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG: I do have a certain fear of some of the superstitions of the New Age, superstitions which are promoted in half the shops of the small town of Glastonbury.

PETER RIDDELL: Across the range of public services, new Labour can deliver only if the institutions of old Labour are bypassed and weakened.

MARTIN FLETCHER: The emnity between Mr Trimble and Gerry Adams remains unimpaired, but it is at least arguable that more now unites than divides them.

OBITUARIES: Lieutenant-Commander Ivan Lowe, wartime naval aviator; Morris Keestelman, painter; Elizabeth Schoaling, ballerina.

LETTERS

Blind magistrates: NHS waiting lists; late-running trains; Queensland elections; EU and Cambodia; Test matches on TV.

THE PAGES

If China is led today by men who have undertaken courageous social and economic reform, it is no less true that the West must remind the Chinese leaders that they must succeed in another modernisation, that of democracy.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES: ARTS: Richard Cork reviews the British contemporary master Patrick Heron's exhibition at the Tate.

LAW: A guide for graduate trainees wanting to enter the legal profession.

NATIONAL LOTTERY

7, 9, 11, 23, 30, 43. Bonus 35. Six win £1,024,299 each. Thirty-six receive £52,528 each for five balls and the bonus; 1,739 with five numbers win £679 each; 83,227 win £31 for four numbers; 1,318,180 get £10 each for matching three numbers.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,830

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Answers to the crossword puzzle, including: 1 Sort of crime prompted by the elusive Macavity? (7), 5 Unfashionable hair style for rock appearance? (7), 9 Scottish engineer departed inside Oriental carriage? (9), 10 Organ used in musical, though not the opening? (5), 11 Reference marks priest added to old book? (5), 12 Wreck all he does in this property? (9), 14 Girl returns to club entertainment, a profitable practice? (5-9), 17 There may be money in this up-to-date report? (7,7), 21 Much loved union leader arrested after disturbance? (9), 23 Fur that's grossly excessive to monarch? (5), 24 Part of intestine or of hip bone, say? (5).

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FORECAST

General: most of England and Wales bright with a fine sunrise and only a few scattered showers.

London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands: sunny spells, a few light showers. Moderate SW wind. Max 21C (70F).

Channel Isles, SW England, Wales: dry with sunny spells in morning; cloudier in afternoon with rain spreading from SW.

Light to mod SW wind. Max 19C (66F). Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cant Highlands, Moray Firth: sunny spells, heavy showers; clear in east.

Outlooks: overnight rain in south will linger in southeast tomorrow. Other areas cool with sunny spells and showers; W Scotland may be dry with warm sunshine.

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ENGLAND SEEK TO BALANCE SCALES OF WORLD CUP JUSTICE



The brilliance of Maradona, above, and the dishonesty, below, that crushed England in 1986

## Hoddle eager to settle score

**T**welve years have passed since England lost a football match in Mexico City that made a hero and a villain out of their Argentinian conqueror. Diego Maradona was a flawed genius who won that World Cup quarter-final for his country with a mixture of low cunning and footballing beauty, and yesterday his shadow fell across Glenn Hoddle and the England team once more.

As Hoddle prepared for the second-round game against the heirs of Maradona in St-Etienne tomorrow night, the England coach found his mind drifting back to the Azteca Stadium, where he and his team-mates watched in anger and despair as the "Hand of God" condemned them to a footballing injustice that has rarely been equalled.



FROM OLIVER HOLT  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT  
IN LA BAULE

There is a certain perversity about the fact that the memory of that goal, that leap with Peter Shilton and the deft touch of the palm that carried the ball into the net, appears to have caused more resentment than any misdeeds that may have been done during the Falklands War. Though, perhaps, that is the beauty of football: that it can divorce itself from politics and the misery of war and exist in splendid isolation, utterly wrapped up in its own battles and intrigues. It is far better to yearn to beat Argentina in the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard tomorrow to avenge a footballing anomaly than to ram home a war victory.

Hoddle stayed true to that mood yesterday. He was at the heart of the team that lost 2-1 to Argentina and Maradona's two contrasting goals in 1986, and he spoke with unusual passion and candour about the crushing disappointment and injustice he felt at the final whistle.

The closest he came to aggression, though, was when someone suggested that England would be happy to take advantage of an unjust goal tomorrow night. "We won't need that," Hoddle said. "I am glad that we are playing Argentina and not Croatia. Argentina are a fancied side. A lot of people have even tipped them to win the tournament and I think, in many ways, we are stronger when we have got our backs against the wall."

When it came to the idea of revenge, though, Hoddle was more cautious. "I have never used the word 'revenge,'" he said. "It is a horrible word. I don't like it. I didn't use it after the game against Colombia. Redressing the balance is what I am talking about and we have got an opportunity now to do that."

"I remember the feeling then was one of total injustice. It took me four days to get over it when I got back. None of us could believe how we had gone out. But he

[Maradona] was the greatest footballer in the world at that time and I did not feel any retribution towards him, even when I was sitting with him afterwards waiting to be drug-tested. Big Terry Butcher was with me, though, and I'm not sure if he was in quite the same frame of mind.

"I said a long time ago that that second goal of Maradona's — which was a fantastic goal — would never have been scored if it was still 0-0. For me, he was the greatest footballer that I have ever seen — even better than Pelé.

"It was a sickening blow, but I don't think there was one of us who ever blamed Maradona for what happened. It was just an instinct. He probably thought he was going to get booked for it. It was the officials, and especially the Tunisian referee, who were the problem.

"For the football people in our country we have got a chance of turning that result round and getting it out of our system. It would be lovely to get through to the last eight and put right what I felt was an injustice in '86. If we lose the game, then it is a doubly bitter pill to take."

Hoddle gave few clues about whether he would stand by the 11 men who served him so well in Lens on Friday night. There are those who fear he may take refuge in David Batty and sacrifice either David Beckham or Paul Scholes in the centre of midfield; there are others who think that Michael Owen will be discarded.

The way forward, surely, though, is to place his trust in an unchanged team, one that will take the game to Argentina rather than sit back as they did in 1986 and only come alive when it was too late. Hoddle, at least, is exuding confidence.

"I'm spot on," he said. "There is a positive vibe and they are all relishing the fact that it is Argentina. If we can create even half the chances we created against Colombia, who knows?"

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WORLD CUP 98

# Finding our scoring touch keeps us on song

## WORLD CUP DIARY

### Troubles of Issa are no fantasy

THE unluckiest, or perhaps worst, player in the World Cup could be Pierre Issa, the South Africa defender. Issa's contribution before "Bafana Bafana" bade farewell was two own goals against France — although only one was officially credited — a booking against Denmark and two penalties conceded against Saudi Arabia.

Issa gained further notoriety in Skinner and Baddiel's occasionally amusing compound name game on their late-night show, *Fantasy World Cup*. Bagheri (Iran) Arce (Paraguay) made the early running — geddit? — before Le Saux (England) Issa (South Africa) Njankou (Cameroon) caused great mirth among the studio audience.

SIZE does make a difference, according to Sepp Blatter, the next president of Fifa, the sport's world governing body. "We will stick with 32 teams," he said yesterday, in reply to questions about the format of future World Cups. "Even if there are no smaller nations in the last 16 in France, 32 is the right balance. But the number won't be increased because any more cannot be digested." Also indigestible, certainly to the organisers of England's campaign to stage the 2006 tournament, were Blatter's comments on the issue. "Now that the World Cup is rotating among the different confederations, the logical step would be to go now to Africa," he said.

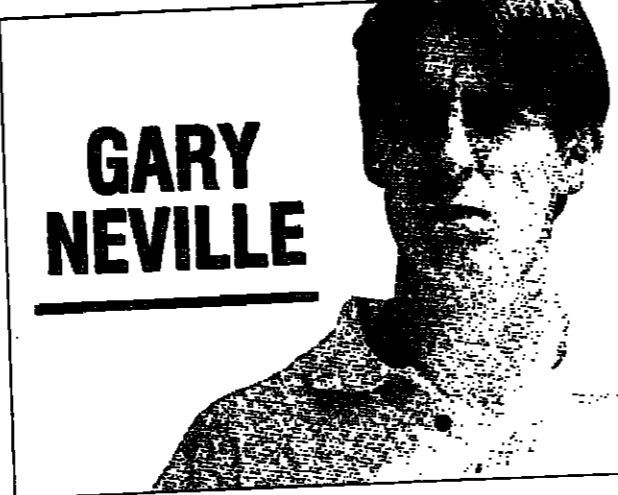
Cynics will note which bid he says he favours when he next visits London or Frankfurt. FOLLOWERS of tennis and football can combine their interest courtesy of Ladbrokes, the bookmaker. It is offering 400-1 on the double of Tim Henman beating Patrick Rafter by three sets to nil at Wimbledon and England to beat Argentina 3-0 in St-Etienne. Scores of 3-1 and 3-2 at 200-1. "For those who fancy flying the flag, these bets are just the thing," Sean Boyce, of Ladbrokes, said. He forgot to mention that only mug punters need apply.

ENGLAND fans on one of the ten planes returning from Lens on Friday, via Lille airport, had a joyous journey ruined by the announcement of jammed landing gear on the TriStar. The emergency services at Stansted had to be alerted. Chants of "The Pilot's Got Us Down", to the tune of "Football's Coming Home" and blue flashing lights on the runway concluded an eventful evening. Glenn Hoddle knows nothing about pressure.

I was wonderful to be part of the England team that beat Colombia last Friday. There was an urgency about our performance that may have come from the fact that we knew it was us or them. I thought that David Beckham, Darren Anderton, Tony Adams and Sol Campbell in particular were absolutely outstanding. I was proud to play alongside them.

In fact, nobody could be more proud than me to play for their country but I have still heard that some people are puzzled by the fact that some of the team don't sing the national anthem before the start of the game. I cannot speak for the others because I don't know what they do but I have never sung it.

Sometimes my dad says that I should sing it just to make people happy but I don't see it like that. During Euro 96, people told me I was the only one who was not joining in but



GARY NEVILLE

from the time when I run back into the changing-room after the pre-match warm-up, to the time when the final whistle goes at the end of the game, that is concentration time for me. It is not singing time. By the time the national anthem comes along, I just

want to concentrate on the game and stare down at the ground. Sometimes, when the fans sing it as loud as they have been doing, it sends a shiver through you but I am just intent on trying to shut everything out by then and get my mind totally right for the

game. It is even a bit of a distraction having to shake hands with the opposition. It might not affect my concentration to sing the anthem, but I don't want to risk it.

I saw the Chile players yelling out their national anthem before the game with Brazil last Saturday and to me, they were too emotional. I remember when I was playing for the England Under-18s, our manager, Ted Powell, showed us a video of the Scotland rugby team crying as they sang their anthem and he said "you must not let anything that emotional enter your minds".

I know it looks good when the whole team is singing the national anthem but it does not make me or any of the other lads any less patriotic because we don't do it. If anybody needs an indicator of the pride we feel in our country, they should look at the way we celebrate when we

score a goal. Then they will see just how much it means to all of us that we do well for England.

I always make a point of going over to congratulate whoever has scored a goal. It is something that is bred into us at Manchester United by Alex Ferguson. I have even known him go down to the dressing-room at half-time in a youth team match to give some of the players a roasting for not mobbing the goalscorer.

He says it is a measure of how high the team spirit is if there is a real celebration and sometimes he even puts it into his team talks. He will tell us to make sure that every one of us is jumping on the goalscorer if one goes in. I think the fans like that, too, because it shows that it means as much to us as it does

to them. Equally, I know some players who don't particularly like celebrating when they score. Most of them are defenders because, although they have just scored, their first thought is often on getting back to the other end to make sure they don't concede one straight away.

Sometimes, you are at your most vulnerable when you have just scored a goal. With other defenders, the reason that they don't want to run the full length of the pitch to celebrate is that they would then have to run all the way back again.

I hope there is plenty of celebrating going on tomorrow. We are all trying to keep things on an even keel in the camp, not getting carried away with the highs or too dispirited by the low of Roma-

nia. We really look the game to Colombia and imposed ourselves on them and now we have to repeat that in St-Etienne.

I am feeling really sharp again now. I was a bit tired at the end of the season and we trained very hard in La Manga before the final squad was announced. The manager knew that would take it out of us. He said it was like a form of pre-season training and I am really starting to feel the benefits of it now. My legs feel light and I am at the top of my game.

If England score against Argentina tomorrow night, I think it is fairly safe to assume that I will be close to the front of the queue for the final. I am really starting to feel the benefits of it now. My legs feel light and I am at the top of my game.

## Ecstasy as Les Bleus put an end to agony

At the Stade Felix-Bollaert today, they will be dismantling the Snickers bouncy castle. Flags of exotic countries will be lowered; bunting rolled and stored. Local youths who have spent the past three weeks encumbered by giant bottles of Coke (strapped to their shoulders) will trip the streets with an unaccustomed lightness. Yes, the World Cup has departed from the far northeast of France, but not before the local paper *La Voix du Nord* could proclaim with a great swell of pride "Les Bleus — Ils arrivent!"

I wanted to see France play in Lens, mainly because, as a truly football-nutty place, Lens deserved it; also, after the embarrassment of seeing the scummy residue of the England fans tormenting the population all weekend in Lille, it was good to see the place rightfully reclaimed by the national team. Not that seeing France play in France is anything like seeing England play in England.

Arguably it's much more of a cause for excitement, since four-fifths of the French team, pursuing greater fame and fortune, play for clubs abroad. For a French person, therefore, seeing the national team assembled must be like us seeing Tom Jones and Anthony Hopkins with Julie Andrews and Tracey Ullman, all in one show. "Football's Coming Home" ought to be their song, really, not ours.

There was a fabulous spirit in the Stade Bollaert yesterday afternoon. Best since seeing Iran at Lyons. The staff at the stadium were allowed to wear discreet face paint (an oxymoron) and to dust their hair with blue. Fans had used the sunny occasion to drape flags declaring their non-footballing interests — "Christine je t'aime" — and best of all, it was goalkeeper Fabien Barthez's birthday.

"This match will not be a walk in the park," France coach Aimé Jacquet had warned, but I doubt anybody believed such faux modesty. A



## TGV

Truss's Grand Voyage

stroll in the Bois de Boulogne was fully expected. Possibly with an ice cream and a carousel ride thrown in.

All seemed set, then, for a glorious home victory, made entertaining by a valiant South American minnow's death throes in the tournament. A match, which if decided by the merits of the rival national anthems, would be concluded pretty smartish.

For France has arguably the best anthem in the world, while Paraguay evidently has the shortest, and most abruptly concluded. Not many people know that the chap who was writing Paraguay's national anthem went out for a breath of fresh air and got run over. From that day to this, it's lasted precisely 14 bars.

Anyway, it didn't turn into a walk in the park. This was a match marked by such intense frustration and agonised disbelief that I nearly ate my own notebook. In the scoreless first half, the French crowd gamely yelled "A!" and "O!" alternately, the way confused and mildly disappointed crowds do everywhere. Interestingly, they booed Chilavert (the Paraguay goalkeeper) on his very first appearance, and quite rightly never saw a reason to revise their opinion of him, as he and his team-mates continued to thwart all French attempts at goal during the full 90 minutes, and then through quite a few more.

France were made to look foolish by this stout, flashy player. Every French move



Barthez, the France goalkeeper, urges his colleagues to mark their superiority with a goal and not ruin his birthday by being taken to penalties

was expertly closed down; no space to run into; no room to strike; ball removed from one's feet before you could say *Aller la France*; feeble kicks fozzled under pressure. "Kick it now, now, now!" I yelled repeatedly at those struggling, squirming, snubbing blues — hemmed in like injured zebra in wildlife films, trying to shrug off the undisguised interest of hyenas.

Paraguay were playing a calculated in-your-face football of a variety to drive you mad. And it became increasingly apparent that unless Chilavert annoyed the referee sufficiently to be sent off (which was possible: the ref seemed to think this pitch wasn't big enough for the two of them, and booked him once), France's inability to deal with it would result in sheer and utter stalemate, through golden goal and everything. And when it came down to a penalty shoot-out, I happened to know in my bones that this was destined to be Fabien Barthez's worst birthday ever.

When the goal finally came, in the 114th minute, it didn't have to be magnificent simply to be one of the best goals I've ever seen. Laurent Blanc final-

ly found the space and the ball at the same time, and made the net dance at last. The joy was indescribable; this was the biggest mass orgasm Lens is likely ever to have seen, and it's certainly the biggest one I've ever been involved in. Chilavert histrionically fell on his face. The crowd went mad; the bench erupted onto the pitch. You thought it was all over. Lens? It is now.

We shall miss Lens, and we shall also miss Chilavert. I can't believe I didn't know about him before this tournament — his shy, blushing-violet personality is so familiar from family life everywhere: the daddy who wears embarrassing clothes and shouts "To me, to me," and who insists on doing the scoring as well as the goalkeeping and pitch marking and free kicks.

His declared ambition is to stand for president (or, more accurately, to be president) and you can imagine what sort of job he'd do. Running the country and starting in his own TV show, yet still grabbing the wheel from his official driver each morning, and showing him how it's done.

LYNNE TRUSS



## IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD

### SCHOLES STRIKES IN BEST OF FRANCE 98

The first phase is over and the serious business has started — but which players made the biggest impression in the group stage of France 98? Carling Opta's *Vive Le Football* index reveals a strong European influence in a World XI with England's Paul Scholes one of the strikers in a 4-4-2 line-up. There are only two South Americans in the team, but one is the player of the tournament so far — Juan Veron, the Argentina midfielder who England face tomorrow. Carling Opta awards points (plus or minus) for every touch of the ball by every player in every World Cup match and the index ranks the highest scoring players in France 98. To qualify players must have appeared for one full match and a total of 160 minutes. This is the World Cup XI of first-round stars.

- GOALKEEPER**  
Mondragon (Colombia)
- DEFENDERS**  
Thuram (France) Lizarazu (France)  
Desailly (France) Mihajlovic (Yugoslavia)
- MIDFIELDERS**  
R de Boer (Holland) Hierro (Spain)  
Overmars (Holland) Veron (Argentina)
- STRIKERS**  
Scholes (England) Ilie (Romania)

## Moldovan's strike keeps ITV in ratings race

Amid the canonisation of Darren Anderton, David Beckham *et al* over the weekend, ITV quickly raised a glass and drank a toast to Viorel Moldovan and Ian O'Donoghue. Their achievements did not merit the same headlines as those from the England camp but in the ratings-orientated world of television, they were every bit as important.

Moldovan, the Coventry City striker, scored the 72nd-minute equaliser for Romania against Tunisia in St-Denis, ensuring that Romania won group G and qualified to play Croatia in the second round in Bordeaux tomorrow. England's victory against Colombia gave them the runners-up place in group G and a match against Argentina in St-Etienne.

Had Moldovan not scored and his side had lost, the opponents and venues of Romania and England would have been reversed — as would the kick-off times. Therein lies the rub: Romania start in Bordeaux at 3.30pm, the afternoon slot, while England take on Argentina at 8pm, peak viewing time. ITV, who had first choice over the BBC in the second-round schedule, were euphoric.

"Moldovan's goal was probably worth about ten million viewers to us," Jeff Farmer, ITV's head of football production, said. "You could say we were quite pleased when the ball went in. It means that a lot more people can see the game without having to take the day off work: there's no dilemma any more. The au-



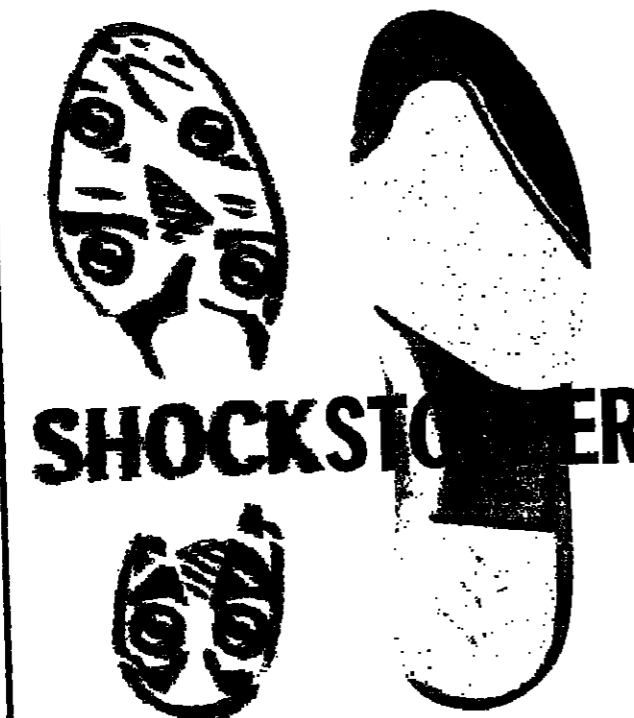
dience in the pubs and clubs will be bigger, too."

During England's 2-0 win against Colombia in Lens, the BBC attracted a peak viewing figure of 24.2 million and an average of 22.6 million — a British record for the tournament. For the England-Romania game last week, ITV drew 21.6 million at peak time and an average of 19.5 million.

Although Jimmy Hill and Alan Hansen again locked their punditry horns, childishly clashing over the calibre of the Colombians, Niall Sloane, the BBC's World Cup editor, was delighted with the show. "It was a big night but it all went very smoothly," he said. "It was a very clean broadcast."

Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, made his debut on the ITV panel over the weekend, offering sound opinions without getting overexcited, while Tony Francis took over the studio presenting role in the absence of Jim Rosenbath, who was in Magny Cours for the grand prix. Francis loves his puns and, in a pre-recorded feature on the influx of French players into the FA Carling Premiership, he came out with one of the more memorable lines of the World Cup. "They think it's all Dover," he said. "It is now."

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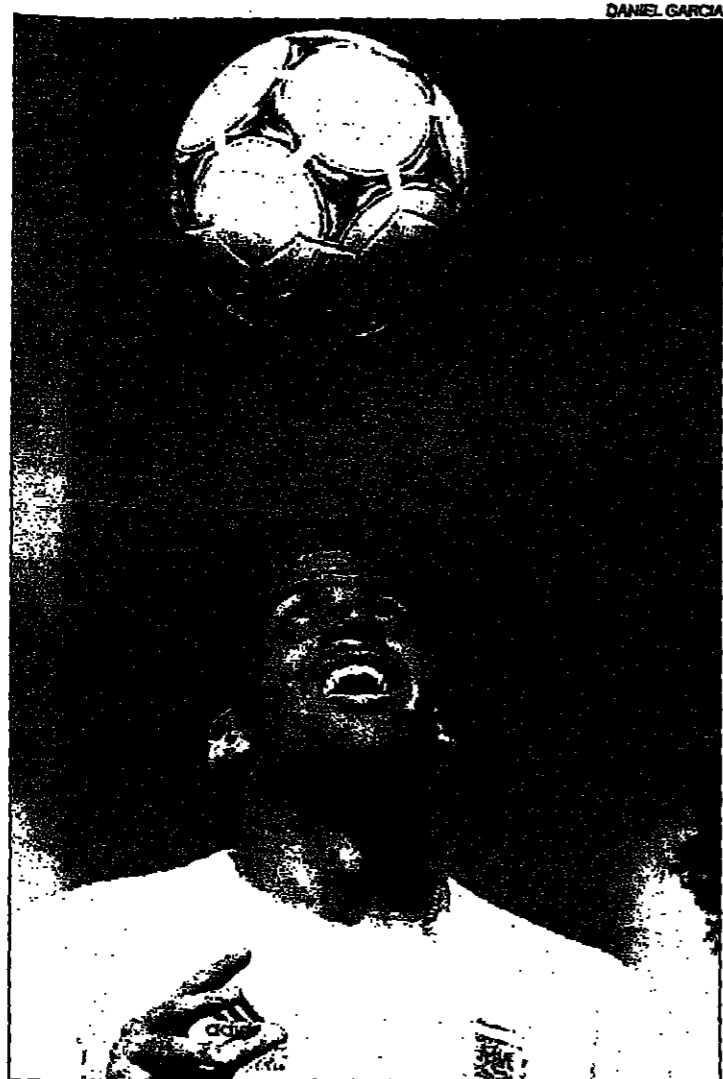
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# Hoddle must conquer fear factor

## Matt Dickinson outlines the main threats to England's hopes of beating Argentina tomorrow and exorcising the ghost of 1986



England must quell the threat of the skilful Veron in midfield

THEY have yet to concede a goal, have a 100 per cent record courtesy of one of the most coveted attacks in the world and, yes, they have made it to three of the past five World Cup finals, winning two of them. But, apart from that, what have England got to fear from Argentina?

Nothing but fear itself, as Glenn Hoddle knows from personal experience. The England coach was a member of the squad in 1986 that began their quarter-final against Argentina like petrified novices. By the time they had shed their inhibitions, and John Barnes was slicing through the South American team's defence like a knife through melting butter, it was too late. It was not the "Hand of God" that beat England — it was their own failure to get a grip.

If Hoddle learnt anything, it must be that to sit back is to invite disaster. If England must lose, at least let it be by trying to win. Because the truth is that for all the cooing over Argentinian prowess this summer, no one has tried to beat them. Certainly not poor Japan or Jamaica, and not even Croatia, who meekly laid down their weapons at the first hinting of South American muscle.

No one has run at them with pace, as Michael Owen will tomorrow night. No one has rattled their defence as a bullish Alan Shearer can. It is time that Juan Veron

discovered that he will not always be granted the freedom of midfield. It is in that central area that England must first make their mark. Veron, the Sampdoria playmaker, is a footballer of extraordinary range and athleticism. Only 23, he is the player David Beckham is still striving to be. Hoddle must decide whether Veron is too powerful for Scholes or Beckham to handle and whether to risk pushing Ince forward. He cannot afford to be wrong.



Ortega has mesmerised defences

"The key is to eliminate Veron," Slaven Bilic, the Everton and Croatia defender, said. "He is their best player, but it is difficult because he drifts all over the place. He always wants the ball and tries to set the pace of the game."

"Hoddle's men must seize it instead. If they step it up, Argentina won't like it. They must keep up a quick tempo because Argentina like to slow it down and then 'bang' it can be all over. England must work, work, work. Make it quick, play long balls, whatever it takes to put them on the back foot. I am not saying England are favourites, but they can win this game."

To do that, of course, they must breach a defence that has so far proved impregnable. Bilic, though, believes that there are weaknesses as yet unexposed and so does Robbie Earle, despite Jamaica's 5-0 thrashing. Earle's idea of picking Les Ferdinand ahead of Owen tomorrow is an unlikely one, but it makes the point. "They simply do not like it in the air," he said. "Look at the way Norway used [Tore Andre] Flo to punish Brazil. The Argentine goalkeeper is just as susceptible to crosses. The defenders do not know whether to leave it

or go themselves and it creates confusion."

Certainly Croatia, on the few occasions that they did attack, won headers with ease in the Argentina penalty area, where an injury to Roberto Sensi, the hugely experienced Parma defender, has thrown enormous responsibility on Roberto Ayala, the Napoli sweeper, who is not at his happiest under a barrage of long balls.

"I can see Owen and Shearer hurting them," Bilic added. "They



Batistuta is a world-class striker

do not have that much pace and they are certainly not comfortable in the air. Ayala is very important, but he won't beat Shearer for headers. England must make that count at set-pieces."

Which leaves the England defence to stifle the threat from Batistuta, Ortega and possibly Gallardo. River Plate's box of tricks. That is the hard part according to Earle, one of many players already foxed by Ortega's remarkable skills. "He doesn't actually dribble past people," Earle said. "He just waits for you to hit speed alongside him and then, with his short legs, he stops dead and doubles back. I would be tempted to put Martin Keown on him."

As well as two goals, Ortega's mazy runs have brought dozens of free kicks, and Bilic warned England to beware his theatrics. "They will need a strong referee," he said. "Argentina are faking all the time." Kim Milton Nielsen, the Danish referee for the game tomorrow, is one of Fifa's most respected. England will not be able to blame the official as they did 12 years ago when, really, they were guilty themselves. Hoddle, more than anyone, must know that, this time, they must be courageous. "Donnez-nous les Argentins" was the headline in one French newspaper yesterday. Bring on the Argentinians, indeed. There is nothing to fear but fear itself.

# Replaying fierce controversy and the day fate took a hand

Tomorrow brings the fourth meeting between England and Argentina in the World Cup finals. I have seen the previous three, in Rancagua, Chile, in 1962, the notorious match at Wembley in 1966, and a contest of even greater notoriety, in Mexico City in 1986. That was the game of the Hand of God, the euphemism that Diego Maradona employed to camouflage the outstretched fist that beat Peter Shilton to put Argentina ahead.

Shortly after, Maradona, with a superb slalom, ripped his way through the whole England defence to score a second goal, one that was recently voted by a panel of experts to be the best scored in a World Cup.

More to the point, perhaps, was the opinion expressed to me soon after the game by the experienced Italian journalist, Gianni Melidoni. "The England team," he said, "were in a state of shock, like a man who had just had his wallet stolen."

England were clear victors in the first of these games in Rancagua, in the run-down Braden Copper Company Stadium that would not pass muster in a World Cup competition today. Bobby Charlton played at outside left with pace, swerve and incisiveness, scoring one of the England goals in a 3-1 success. And Bobby Moore, at 21 years old, performed with cool confidence in what was only his third international.

Alan Peacock, a tall, young Middlesbrough player with the erect bearing of a guardsman, was successfully put in at centre forward, making light of the frequent blows to the back of his head and neck from the formidable Argentina centre back, the veteran Nestor Rossi, who was dismissed by one English journalist as "an ape in football boots".

After the game (these were more relaxed days) I went into the Argentina dressing-room, where one official after another approached their combative manager, Juan Carlos Lorenzo (who would be there again in 1966), kissed him on the cheek and said:



### Brian Glanville on three tempestuous ties pitting England against Argentina

"May bien, Juan Carlos, muy bien."

In later years, as manager of Lazio, Lorenzo would lead an attack by his players on the Arsenal team at the end of a banquet that followed a torrid European match in Rome.

In 1966 it might have been called "the day of the animals", a quarter-final at Wembley in which an Argentina team, gifted enough to win by fair means, constantly interrupted the flow of play with petty fouls.

In the end, Rudolf Kreitlein, the tiny German referee, had had enough of it, especially of the attitude of the Argentine captain, Antonio Rattin, who constantly loomed over him, protesting. Kreitlein's patience was exhausted. He sent off Rattin.

Rattin pointed at his captain's armband, refusing at first to go. Eventually he left the field and made his very slow progress round it to the dressing-room, accompanied by an Argentina trainer, who exchanged insults with the crowd while Rattin stopped once to wipe his hands on the miniature Union Jack that served as a corner flag.



Kreitlein, the German referee, is led from the pitch by police after the ill-tempered match at Wembley in 1966

Even against ten men, England found it hard going. Roma was an acrobatic goalkeeper. Ultimately, Martin Peters put over a high cross from the left and his West Ham United team-mate, Geoff Hurst, who had only just been brought into the England attack in place of Jimmy Greaves, rose to head a spectacular winning goal.

By the end of the game, the Argentinians rushed towards Kreitlein, clearly bent on mayhem. Security men and the towering Ken Aston, head of the Fifa referees committee, formed a protective cordon.

Alf Ramsey, the England manager, came on to the field and tried to stop his men from exchanging shirts with their opponents. Later on, he insisted there was no symbolism in his behaviour. He simply did not want, it seemed, naked torsos to be revealed before the royal box. Much worse was to follow. In the dressing-room corridor, Argentina players urinated and banged on the door of the England team, trying to force their way in.

It was after these events that Ramsey uttered the words that would haunt him through the years. He told a television interviewer that he hoped, in the semi-finals, England would meet a team that would be interested in playing football "and not act as animals".

So to Mexico City in 1986, just four years after the Falklands War. England, having made a bad start in Monterrey, had pulled themselves together, reorganised the team, thrashed Poland, defeated Paraguay in the second round and now faced Argentina.

There was tension in the air. Out of the expansive training grounds of the America club, Argentina prepared. Jorge Valdano, their elegant striker, held court to a group of Latin American journalists. The Falklands War was inevitably mentioned and I suggested that the English, as a group, had put such things out of their minds. "A ellos conviene (that's what suits them)", Valdano said, and everybody laughed.

On the other side of the field, as I talked to Daniel Passarella, now the Argentina coach, then their injured captain, an Italian television interviewer appeared and tried to make me talk about the Falklands War. I answered: "It has nothing to do with this football match." Passarella was pleased and said: "Come and see me in Italy."

Maradona's punched goal conditioned the game and an inexperienced African referee and his linesman saw nothing wrong with it. The second spectacular score seemed to have sealed the issue.

Then John Barnes came on for a marvellous quarter of an hour on England's left wing. He was inspired and irresistible. The Argentina defence, using wing backs, could do nothing with him.

From one of his crosses, pulled back perfectly from the byline, Gary Lineker made it 2-1. From another England almost equalised, and, this time, it was Lineker who went into the net while the ball went wide. So England were out of the 1986 World Cup, but this time they have no Maradona against them.

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WORLD CUP 98

Host nation advances to quarter-finals as Paraguay are put out by defender's extra-time effort

Blanc strikes to give France a golden glow

THE French cockerel had to wait to crow until six minutes from the end of extra time yesterday. Then, after the World Cup hosts had shown neither the invention nor the power to break Paraguay's well-organised resistance, Laurent Blanc, a defender up with the attack out of sheer desperation, stretched out his right foot to beat Jose-Luis Chilavert from seven yards.

Now came the crowing — and the wailing from five red-shirted Paraguayans, and their goalkeeper and captain, their stubborn resistance against immense odds finally broken around them. Such is the contrivance of World Cup football in times when there are so many games, so crowded a programme, that to do the decent thing and allow the draw game to be replayed, is unthinkable.

The money men, the television companies, and those who are quite happy to watch the alternative — organised extra-time tension — no doubt went home as the satisfied few amongst the despairing thousands.

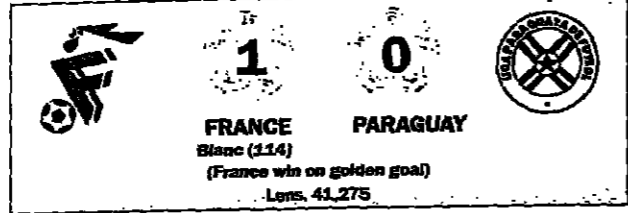
France, on this form, are simply pretenders. They may come wearing the emperor's clothes, but they are naked of ideas, lost without Zinedine Zidane, who yesterday was serving the second of his two-match suspension for indiscipline.

Whether he, on his day one of the finest playmakers in the modern game, can rejuvenate a side now down to the bare bones of dullness, only time will tell.

After the depression around the team has lifted, the players may well feel such a sense of relief, believing that the fates are truly with them, that they might come out and play on a higher plane from here to the final.

The game yesterday was played in the stadium of the new French club champions, in a small northern enclave, which, rather like Barnsley, is the centre of a booming community, one of warmth and hospitality, especially welcome to those who had come north as refugees from the arrogance of the administrators around Paris. You would think, dealing with them, that they own the world, never mind the trophy that they invented for the world.

However, Lens has a sombre face as well, because the people there are beginning a collection for Daniel Nivet, the 43-year-old father of two who, on police duty when Germany played Yugoslavia here, was beaten into a coma by German thugs.



FROM ROB HUGHES

He remains in the coma, and the suspicion is that he is unlikely ever to know what took place in this town after his injury, or to regain an active role in society. For his family, the World Cup is now meaningless.

And for the rest of us? We will get over our hollow afternoon watching the dispirited Bleus. True, Paraguay had very little thought of making the contest in the least bit entertaining. They were the equivalent to a two-stroke lawnmower being put into a race against a Ferrari.

Yesterday at Magny Cours, the Ferraris showed their pace and power; Les Bleus never did. The closest they came to shaking off the limpets of organised frustration that were the Paraguayans, was in



Ayala, lost in distress, is comforted by Chilavert

the 39th minute when Thierry Henry, the Monaco winger of such pace and usually exciting, emphatic finishing, struck the base of a post.

In this World Cup the frame of the goal repeatedly seems a magnet to the ball, but this time Henry, heading himself through and haring towards Chilavert, had done all that might be expected of him ... apart from being defeated by a post.

His right-foot shot was excellently timed, he had the right pace and almost the precision. The ball beat the

goalkeeper, but luck defeated the striker. When he was carried off on a stretcher in the 63rd minute with an ankle injury, no one else in the French attack looked capable of finding a way through, of taking on Henry's mantle, as Paraguay took the sting out of the play.

There was such a silence that one wondered whether it was a football stadium or the tennis stadium of Roland Garros.

For the people were polite, stunned, and in no heart to try to rouse their team. They saw no movement from the forward players, no inspiration or harmony from those in midfield and Lilian Thuram, their right back, apart, no genuine drive from behind. The passes fell erratically short of their men. Didier Deschamps, the captain, tried but failed to galvanise his team. And Paraguay, seldom crossing the halfway line, were content with their role of spoilers.

There are those who believe that this is bravery, that the smaller nations invited to the Grand Ball are entitled to frustrate more populous and more gifted opponents anyway that they can.

I do not share this empty sentiment, or this respect for anti-football. And, therefore, so very late in the day, I shared the French relief when a substitute, Robert Pires, chipped the ball forward, David Trezeguet headed it down, and Blanc stepped forward to do what no one before him had been able to manage — a golden goal? Bring back Zidane to entertain us, and ask yourselves whether David Giola really is a talent surplus to requirements.

FRANCE (4-2-3-1): F Berthoin (AS Monaco) — L Thuram (Paris), L Blanc (Marseille), M Deshay (Clermont), B Lizarazu (Bayern Munich) — D Deschamps (Lyon), E Piret (Arsenal), sub: A Boghoslian (Sampdoria (Italy)), T Henry (AS Monaco), sub: R Pires, Meuc, (St. Y Diego (Lorient)), B Dromede (Auxerre), sub: S Guivarc'h (Newcastle United), 77 — D Trezeguet (AS Monaco)

PARAGUAY (2-5-1-1): J-L Chilavert (Metz) — G Zamora (Corinthians), C Ayala (River Plate), P Barrios (River Plate) — F Ayala (River Plate), R Acuna (Real Zaragoza), J Garcia (Internacional), C Paredes (Olimpia), sub: D Caniza (Olimpia), 73; J Campino (Barru Gaur), sub: J C Vignati (Gimnasia), 75; M Gonzalez (Estacion) — J Cardozo (Toluca), sub: A Rojas (Union Santa Fe, 91)

Referee: A-M Tuganov (United Arab Emirates). Other scorers on request.



Blanc drives his shot past Chilavert, the Paraguay keeper and captain, for the golden goal that put France through to the next stage

Denmark clip Super Eagles' wings

SO NOW it is Europe against South America for the World Cup. Nigeria, the last of the five African countries at the finals, were eliminated in the Stade de France here last night. Their conquerors, Denmark, can now look forward to their first appearance in the quarter-finals, though they may do so with some trepidation. Brazil are next for them, in Nantes on Friday.

Denmark, at least, have found their goal touch and they were set on their way by the inclusion of Peter Moller for his first appearance in these finals. After two minutes, he fired Denmark ahead and they never looked likely to be caught.

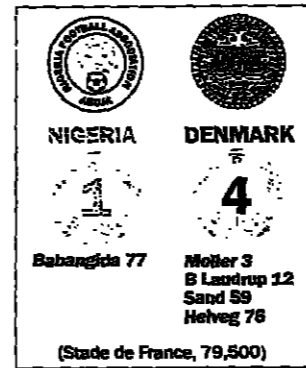
Fernando Tresaco Garcia, the Spaniard appointed to referee the match, was downgraded to assistant and a Swiss, Urs Meier, put into his place. Nigeria had objected to a Spanish referee, given that their victory over Spain, in the first of the group matches, had effectively eliminated them.

The Super Eagles began more like the Selhurst Park Eagles of last season, so out of their depth did they appear. After two minutes, they were a goal down. For Denmark, the early strike represented a tactical triumph, of a sort, for Bo Johansson, their coach. "We need more height in attack," Johansson had said. Moller scored with his foot. Oh well. It was a stinging drive, after Nielsen, the Tottenham Hotspur midfielder player, had seen Michael Laudrup in space running towards the right-hand edge of the penalty box. Nielsen, omitted from Denmark's opening World Cup match, is ever-present since, weighted his pass beautifully. Laudrup needed one touch with his left foot before crossing and Moller struck a left-foot shot out of Rufai's reach.

After 12 minutes, Denmark were two goals up and again Moller and Michael Laudrup were in the thick of it. At a free kick, Laudrup ran over the ball and flicked it back with the bottom of his boot. Rufai could not hold Moller's 20-yard drive and Brian Laudrup followed in to score from three yards.

Was this the Denmark we had watched qualify without any apparent attempt to entertain? Content, it seemed, to sit on their lead. Denmark gave Nigeria room to manoeuvre in midfield. After 17 minutes, Kanu, attempting to make the most of space in the Denmark

area, sought too much liberty and, trying to go round Schmeichel, had the ball whipped away from his feet by the Manchester United goalkeeper. In the 34th minute, Okocha gave Schmeichel cause to look daggers at his defence when the Nigeria central midfielder player was left unmarked for a volley. Good strike though it was, it flashed across Schmeichel and narrowly missed. Again Okocha was the danger when he wrong-footed his marker, flicking the ball with his right foot and shooting with his left. The finish, high



FROM DAVID POWELL

over the bar, failed to match the approach work. It was Nigeria's turn to count their good fortune next because, with half-time approaching, Denmark might have doubled their lead. Heintze curled in a free kick that Rufai snatched away from Rieper's head as he came to meet it at the far post. Then Brian Laudrup slipped a pass between two Nigeria defenders to the unmarked Moller. His shot was struck firmly, but again Rufai stood firm, saving at his near post.

Nigeria, having come back from behind twice to beat Spain, went in at the interval with an even greater task facing them. They needed an early goal in the second half to give them hope, but it was Denmark who forced the pace.

Babayaro, the Nigeria left back, was getting a close-up view of the qualities of Brian Laudrup, who will join him at Chelsea next season. After 53 minutes, Laudrup struck the bar and then Rufai blocked a shot by Moller. His contribution made, Moller was taken off in the 59th minute and, in less time than it would take West, the Nigeria central defender, to thread a bead onto his hair. Sand, Moller's re-

placement, had scored. He had been on for probably no more than 20 seconds when Michael Laudrup flicked a pass into his path. The substitute sent Okocha and Uche the wrong way with a header before planting his shot past Rufai. Sand had scored and the sands of time had run out for Nigeria.

After 76 minutes, Denmark increased their lead. Jorgensen's angled drive was saved by Rufai at his near post. Sand was first to the loose ball and played it back wide to Jorgensen whose cross found Helveg unmarked to fire home. After 77 minutes, Babangida scored for Nigeria with a crisp volley, three minutes after coming on as substitute.

NIGERIA (4-3-3): P Rufai (Cape Verde) — M Adepoju (Real Sociedad), U Okocha (Sheff Wed), S Odia (Nigeria), C Babangida (Chelsea) — F George (Real Betis), A Okocha (Sheff Wed), G Lawal (Tottenham Hotspur), sub: T Babangida, Aye (Tottenham Hotspur), sub: R Younis, FC Zurich, 69; V Ipeleba (AS Monaco), S Okeahialam (Manchester United)

DENMARK (4-3-2-1): P Schmeichel (Manchester United) — S Odia (Nigeria), M Rieper (Celtic), J Hoyt (Sheff Wed), J Heintze (Bayer Leverkusen), M Jorgensen (Borussia Dortmund), B Laudrup (Chelsea), sub: M Westgaard, Celtic, 79; M Laudrup (Real Betis), P Frandsen (Borussia Dortmund), 84 — P Moller (SV Elfmorgen), S Sand, Soreby, 1; U Meier (Gowanus)

Referee: U Meier (Gowanus)

Germany have every right to be wary

Matt Dickinson explores the possibility of further against-the-odds progress from resilient Mexico

Resilient, tough and stubborn. These are certainly the unquenchable attributes of Bert Vogts's side, but what about Mexico, who are threatening to out-Germany the Germans with their bloody-mindedness and refusal to accept that, some days, your number is up.

Three times Mexico have trailed in this tournament, twice by 2-0, and three times they have emerged at half-time like a gang of street-fighters to scrap for at least a draw. When they meet here this afternoon, even Germany must accept that it is not the time to sit on a 1-0 lead.

Inevitably, Luis Hernandez, the striking blond, has been basking in the success of Mexico's stirring deeds. His injury-time equaliser against Holland was his third goal of the tournament and he has come as close as any Mexican to filling the void left by the goalscoring, somersaulting

Hugo Sanchez. Closer observation, however, deflects the rays of glory elsewhere, with Jesus Arellano an unlikely source of inspiration. Capped just once before this tournament, the Guadalajara attacking midfielder player can justifiably claim to be the World Cup's substitute of unparalleled achievements.

Three times Manuel Lapuente, the Mexico coach, has turned to him with his side in arrears at half-time and on each occasion his clever running behind Hernandez and Cuauhtemoc Blanco has created the defensive uncertainty in which the two strikers can thrive.

Unlikely to start a stampede by his autograph, even in his hometown of Monterrey, the

25-year-old is now tipped as the most likely Mexico player, from a squad based entirely in the domestic league, to secure a lucrative move to Europe.

Known as Cabrino (The Ram), his side will need all the stubborn qualities of that animal if they are to overcome the Germans this afternoon and clinch an unlikely place in the quarter-finals. Having pushed their luck against South Korea (3-1), Belgium (2-2) and Holland (2-2), they will not relish the chance of retrieving a losing position against Kohler, Helmer and Worns.

To their advantage may be the oppressive heat in Montpellier, which is expected to exceed 30C in mid-afternoon. Germany's band of thirtysomethings will not look

forward to the possibility of extra time, although Jürgen Klinsmann tried to play down the issue yesterday by claiming "it could never be as bad as Dallas in 1994".

"We have a lot of respect for the Mexicans and we know how united and how mentally strong they are," the former Tottenham Hotspur striker said. "They seem very solid and close, and they know how to rise to the occasion. But we are very confident because, in the past, we have shown how practical we can be in these knockout situations. We are generally very strong when we have our backs to the wall."

Likewise, the Mexicans, though, who appear to be delighting in confounding expectations, which are mod-

est everywhere but at home, where success in the Gold Cup in February, when they finished above a weakened Brazil, raised hopes of at least a quarter-final place.

"We always go against logic," Alberto Garcia Aspe, the captain, said. "We demonstrated our strength of character against Holland and the strong personality of the team. We got out of a tricky situation. Holland are one of the favourites for this World Cup, so we can believe that we can take on anybody, including Germany."

The last time these sides met in the World Cup, in 1986, Germany won a quarter-final tie 4-1 on penalties after a 0-0 draw. As they finished training in Montpellier's Stade de la Mosson last night, the Mexicans spent 20 minutes practising from the spot.

Once again, it is obvious that they are ready to fight to the final kick.

Bergkamp aims to record evidence of greatness

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN TOULOUSE

IF DENNIS BERGKAMP scores against Yugoslavia, in the second-round tie here this evening, and so equals the record for the Holland national team of 35 goals, the achievement will reflect his guarded personality as much as his talent. A journalist wondered whimsically whether the forward might copy Ian Wright and celebrate by revealing, beneath his top, a T-shirt emblazoned with a special message.

"Jan has a T-shirt for every occasion," a droll Bergkamp said. Yet for Bergkamp, even joy has to be tinged with reserve. It is difficult enough to characterise him, let alone pierce the mystique.

Despite closing in on that sought-after record, which is held by a player of the 1950s, Faas Wilkes, Bergkamp is no poacher. With that upright carriage and impeccable touch, he often impresses most as a creator who can exercise his craft behind the front line. He is not obsessed with scoring and his most satisfying moment at this World Cup came when he put Phillip Cocu through to give Holland the lead against Mexico in the 2-2 draw.

Receiving the ball at an awkward height, Bergkamp volleyed a devastating pass. He relished that contribution because, in making it, he proved to himself that his recovery was complete from the thigh strain that he sustained at the end of April.

Cruyff, Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten. Unlike them, Bergkamp has never been a member of a European Cup-winning team at club level. Nor were Holland able to emulate the European championship triumph of 1988 and they disappointed at Euro 96. Bergkamp was then at a low ebb, still convalescing from his experiences with Internazionale, for whom he scored just 11 goals in 52 matches. Last season alone, he amassed 16 goals for Arsenal. He believes that, at 29, he is at his peak and Holland hope that he can haul the side up to those heights.

Selection is a delicate issue in a pool drawn from distinct ethnic groups and the appointment of the admired Frank Rijkaard to the coaching staff is interpreted, in part, as a means of addressing the concerns of black players. If Holland are to rally themselves in France, performances will also have to cohere around the uncontented excellence of Bergkamp.

That will require him to act as a leader, an idea with which he is ill at ease. "If it is asked of me, I will try to be one," he said, "but not the sort who shouts and gestures on the field. I can do it by being an example." The assignment may seem strange to Bergkamp, but Holland, too, will have to break new ground if they are to triumph at the World Cup.



Bergkamp: mystique

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Sheer quality of world champions triumphs over Chilean passion

# Slick Brazil moving into top gear

<b>BRAZIL</b>	<b>CHILE</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
César Sampaio (13, 27)	Salas (88)
Ronaldo (49 pen, 70)	
(Parc des Princes, 49,500)	

FROM ROB HUGHES

BENEATH a rainbow over Parc des Princes on Saturday, Brazil and Chile gave the World Cup a Latin passion play that seeped into us like the earlier rain. There was touch and artistry, even joy. Brazilian power eventually prevailed to the tune of four goals to one, but Chile engaged that with spirit and style, sending those fortunate enough to be there into the night sure that players, and not coaching dogma nor officialdom, had reclaimed their game.

From the beginning, there was a sense of drama. The stands were bathed in Brazilian yellow, but from a small cluster of red-shirted Chileans came the constant, booming sound of a drum beat. One youth, bared to the waist and drumming himself into a ceaseless hypnotic state of excitement kept the beat going, never flagging whatever the score.

The Chile players had similar conviction. Ivan Zamorano sang his country's anthem with quite ferocious dedication, the eyes filled with emotion, and when it was over, when his best was second-best, this player of 42 internationals gathered up Ronaldo in such a genuine, prolonged embrace that the respect the Chile forward, playing possibly his last World Cup, had for the Brazilian of today, tomorrow and the next day, could be felt from several hundred yards away.

Ronaldo, scoring twice and striking both a post and the bar, remains a boy in the body of a middleweight boxer, a player already great, yet one striving to control, to understand and to get the most out of what God has given him. Zamorano, too, is gifted, though at this World Cup he has sacrificed himself to create goals for Marcelo Salas.

In the Parc des Princes, he did it again, racing forward to flick the ball on with his head, to expose a defence in which Junior Baiano is a flaw in a Brazil team that still does not look like world champions. Taffarel, the goalkeeper, taken by surprise, could only deflect the ball to Salas and he, with reactions like a lizard, took his chance well.

By then, Brazil had found a rhythm, the fluency that makes their attacking football all but irresistible. César Sampaio, who shares the duty of protecting the defence with Dunga, and who,



César Sampaio, the Brazil defender, sets off on a run of delight after scoring his second goal to put his team 2-0 up against Chile

remarkably, also earns his living in Japan, had come back from suspension to score twice from free kicks, first, characteristically with his head, then more unusually to guide the ball precisely home with his right instep.

César Sampaio's celebrations, bordering on religious rites as he kneels on the turf, the arms raised to the heavens, the face in tears, come from the heart. His time and space in the penalty box comes from opponents being so careful to mark out Ronaldo and Bebeto, and Rivaldo and Leonardo, that a mere defender lurking among them is free to do his will.

When, on the stroke of half-time, the swiftness of Ronaldo was stopped only by Nelson Tapia, the goalkeeper, throwing his body at the Brazilian's feet, the penalty taken by Ronaldo himself sealed victory.

Neither the drummer nor the Chile team would lie still. Having begun with three substitutes for suspended midfield players, Chile made two more adjustments at half-time. Brazil made a mental change. It was signalled by Leonardo, a left back at the last World Cup, now operating on the right because no player on earth would displace Roberto Carlos, possibly the fastest and most dynamic wing back the world has seen.

Roberto Carlos was visibly in

dispute with Mario Zagallo, his veteran coach. He would not compromise his thrilling cavalier instincts, he would go forward, forward, forward. This is the player versus the pragmatism that even in Brazil fills coaching with caution, and the player in this instance is such a force, such a match-winning specialist that Zagallo can rail all he likes. Roberto Carlos is obeying another voice.

Yet it was a run from Leonardo, astonishing in its quickness and dexterity, that took the breath away... and then, after Zagallo had heeded the crowd calling for

Denilson to replace the ageing, disappointing Bebeto, it was the substitute who turned football into high art. There are many who ask how Zagallo can resist starting this leggy, coltish, left-sided inventor, but here, surely, the coach is right. Balance the team, win the right to command the stage, then let the dazzler do his stuff.

One run from Denilson, 70 yards and through four Chilean challenges, was breathtaking. Another, flicking the ball the opposite way to the direction in which he was moving, defied body mechanics. Yet it was Chile who scored first in the second half, though Brazil

required around 90 seconds to respond with their fourth goal. Denilson took the ball through the red shirts, Ronaldo was invited to face Tapia head-on and, with audacious ease and fearless quality, he dispatched the shot, right-footed, beneath the goalkeeper.

So, both the beauty and might of Brazil had been witnessed. Dunga, now 34 but the hungriest captain in the tournament, lambasted players who strayed out of position, and was impatient when the referee ordered him to have an open knee-wound dressed off the field. The captain simply did not want to miss two minutes of this Brazilian revival.

He knew, and observers could sense, that it was building confidence for the contests to come. Other teams, though, are unlikely to engage Brazil quite as openly, and one might say naively, as Chile had dared.

**BRAZIL** (4-2-2-2): G. Taffarel (Atlético Mineiro) — Calt (AS Roma), Junior (Santos) (Flamengo), Alder (AS Roma), sub: Gonçalves, Bolegato, 77, Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid) — César Sampaio (Vasco da Gama), Dunga (Juventus) — Leonardo (AC Milan), Rivaldo (Corinthians) — Bebeto (Botafogo) sub: Denilson, São Paulo, 68, Ronaldo (Internacional)

**CHILE** (4-1-2-1): N. Tapia (Universidad Católica) — P. Reyes (Colo Colo), R. Fuentes (Universidad Católica), J. Mena (Universidad Católica) — F. Cornejo (Universidad Católica), C. Acuna (Universidad de Chile) sub: L. Musari, Universidad de Chile, 80, M. Ramírez (Universidad Católica), sub: F. Estay, 46, M. Arce (Universidad de Chile) — J. Sierra (Colo Colo), sub: F. Estay, 46, M. Salas (La Serena), I. Zamorano (Internacional)

Referee: M. Batta (France)



Ronaldo and Zamorano, team-mates in Italy, embrace at the end

# Del Piero fires blanks while Vieri hits mark

Brian Glanville wonders why Italy refused to use Roberto Baggio

WHERE was Roberto Baggio on Saturday, when Italy needed his brilliance to create a second goal which would have killed off Norway, rather than leave them with hope until the end?

Alessandro del Piero stayed on in Marseille long after he should have been replaced for missing chances he should have put away in his sleep.

When he was finally taken off, it was not Baggio who came on but Enrico Chiesa, who promptly missed an excellent opportunity provided for him by Vieri.

After the usual blazered sycophant had posed Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, the usual three innocuous questions, I managed to ask him why he had put on Chiesa and not Baggio. "It was because I thought Chiesa would give me more pace," he replied.

Which begged a lot of questions. Maldini admitted his team's difficulties in the last 20 minutes, when a previously negative Norway came out to play, and were robbed of the draw only by Gianluca Pagliuca's glorious save from Tore Andre Flo's powerful header.

Italy should have been home and dry long before then. It is perfectly plain that Del Piero, despite sporadic moments of grace, is not on top of his game. He should have scored after 41 minutes, when he ran on to a fine, long ball from Paolo Maldini, but permitted Grodas the chance to make the save. He should certainly have scored in the second half from an inspired through pass from Albertini, but shot wastefully wide.

And yet he stayed on the field for most of the second period. Next time out, it seems unthinkable that Del Piero can be preferred to Baggio, but who can say what is going on in Cesare Maldini's mind? You might even call it a Huddle-Owen situation.

The greatest consolation for Italy is the ebullient form of Luigi di Biagio, of AS Roma, who is emerging as the playmaker his country has needed since the days of Giuseppe Giannini. Congratulated afterwards on the way he had used the ball, Di Biagio said: "For better or worse I've always played like that." His was the crucial pass which enabled the muscular Vieri to shrug off Dan Eggen and roar away like a classic English centre forward, to beat Grodas for the only goal of the match.

Cesare Maldini felt his team had run few risks, had made five or six good chances, and were very hard to make chances against.

He may have, conveniently, perhaps, been forgetting the embarrassment of the match against Chile, when Italy, without the late help of an indulgent referee, must surely have lost. Italian journalists bombarded their players with questions about the hostile attitude of the crowd in Marseille and the prospect of facing such hostility in Paris.

"I think the French are always against Italy," Di Biagio said resignedly. "We know that when we come up against the home team in a World Cup, we have to prepare ourselves."

Pagliuca, who made light of his stupendous save, said: "We showed great character. I think we deserved the victory, even if we did run some risks."

Norway's use of just one striker in Flo — a move defied by their idiosyncratic manager, Egil Olsen — meant that the Italians were able to use Costacurta virtually as a right back, marking Flo with a man much shorter than himself in Fabio Cannavaro, with Giuseppe Bergomi operating effectively just behind him.

Certainly it was a much happier occasion for Bergomi than the last time he played against Norway, in Oslo in 1991 in a European championship qualifier, when a shocking fall from grace brought him a six-match suspension. In fact, he did not come back to the team until 1998.

Italy were some way from their best against the dour Norwegians but it would be wrong to underestimate them. Pagliuca, sent off against Norway in the 1994 World Cup, has never looked as impressive in goal and even if Albertini, once again used in the wide position he decries, created little and Del Piero is living on his reputation, Vieri, scorer of five goals so far, is a host in himself. Baggio, if he is given the chance, is in the kind of form to turn any game.

As Pagliuca said: "The final is a long way off and France would be very difficult." Nor, if Italy progress, could one see them resisting the Brazilians. But luck plays a large part in all such tournaments.

Italy had it against Chile, and Roberto Baggio, if given the chance, is their potential alchemist.

# Italy expose Olsen's weaknesses as calculations prove correct

<b>ITALY</b>	<b>NORWAY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Vieri (18)	
(Marseille, 59,500)	

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

WITH the departure of Norway, a little truculence has left the World Cup. It will be missed. Now that Egil Olsen is gone, where are we to find a coach prepared to speak his surly mind? His counterparts are often prisoners of etiquette and it is as if they consider themselves career diplomats rather than supervisors of a gaggle of footballers.

Olsen, knowing that sport is a rough-and-tumble affair, is ready, refreshingly, to let his burly opinions throw their weight around. On Saturday, he responded to Norway's defeat by saying that his team had not played at its best. Disappointed in himself for making such a conventional utterance, he added swiftly that he did not think much of Italy either.

Given the drowsy atmosphere at the Stade Velodrome, the spectators might well have endorsed his view, but Olsen was wrong if he failed to see that the muted tone was really the proof of Italy's prowess. It would never have occurred to Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, that there was any obligation to create a spectacle.

He had set out to prevent Norway from exercising their fruitful rumbustiousness and, thereby, win. As he reflected on the victory, Maldini's first thought had nothing to do with the magnificent pass with which Luigi di Biagio set up Christian Vieri for the only goal of the match. "It was a good game," he preferred to say. "We didn't make many mistakes."

There is a dismal philosophy lurking behind that remark, but its potency is not in question. Remembering how Italy defeated Norway and Nigeria at the 1994 World Cup, after being reduced to ten men by an ordering off in each match, one realises that no nation is more adept at calculating its way to success.

Although red cards were avoided on Saturday, the astuteness remains in evidence. When necessary, Italy exerted the muscle to contain Norway and they also knew how to exploit the weaknesses in the back four that Olsen employs. Two centre backs proved insufficient as Italy's strikers peeled off into the spaces on the outside of them.

There was no depth in Norway's defence, no sweeper to move in and snuff out danger. Dan Eggen and Ronny Johnsen looked alarmed by the lack of cover, rightly unsure if they could cope unaided in an individual contest with Alessandro del Piero or Vieri. Twice before the interval, Del Piero should have increased the lead, but Frode Grodas saved on each occasion.

The single goal sufficed. In the eighteenth minute, Di Biagio's pass, released with remarkable quick-wittedness before Norway could block him, sent Vieri haring into the right of the penalty area and Eggen was not quick enough to stop the Atlético Madrid forward from shooting low past Grodas. If Italy's display reflected the strategies of Maldini, the origins of that particular goal highlighted the mercurial aspects of football that no coach can influence.

Di Biagio was not expected to play much at this World Cup, let alone govern the team. He was introduced as a substitute in the opening game principally because Italy were losing 2-1 to Chile and Maldini could not afford to wait and find out if Roberto di Matteo was going to improve. A 2-2 draw was salvaged and the Chelsea midfielder, having lost his place to Di Biagio then, is yet to regain it.

Di Biagio is always at the centre of operations, even if he confesses to experiencing difficulties with the notion of himself as the general of the Italy team. His rank will certainly not be lost on France, their opponents in the quarter-final in Paris on Friday. All the same, it is not usually the playmakers who have caught the eye in this tournament. Forwards are dictating events. The extent of their influence feels greater, and pervades this World Cup more extensively, than it has for years.

Vieri, with his bullish pace, has already scored five times and it is possible that he will have three more matches to add to the total. The stern refereeing, and the protection it affords, may account for the festive mood. Norway took little advantage of it, however.

**ITALY** (3-5-2): G. Pagliuca (Internazionale) — A. Costacurta (AC Milan), G. Bergomi (Internazionale), F. Cannavaro (Parma) — F. Montoro (Internazionale), sub: A. di Livio, Juventus, 80, D. Albertini (AC Milan), sub: G. Pesotto, Juventus, 71, L. di Biagio (AS Roma), D. Baggio (Parma), P. Maldini (AC Milan) — C. Vieri (Juventus), A. del Piero (Juventus), sub: E. Chiesa, Parma, 77

**NORWAY** (4-5-1): F. Grodas (Tottenham Hotspur) — H. Berg (Haugesund) (Lands), D. Eggen (Celta Vigo), R. Johnsen (Manchester United), S. I. Bjørnhaug (Liverpool) — H. Flo (Viking) (Sarpsborg), sub: O. G. Solskjær (Manchester United), 73, E. Mykland (Parma) (K. Røedal (Hertha Borna)), D. Leinhardt (Internazionale), sub: R. Strand, Rosenborg, 70, sub: S. Solbakken, Aalborg, 39, V. Riseth (Lanz) (V) — T. A. Flo (Chelsea)

Referee: M. Heynenmann (Germany)

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### FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

**G**ermany must be favoured to beat a surprisingly resilient Mexico in Montpellier, but this is not a Germany team that has convinced or impressed. It has been dismissed as unimaginative and plodding, relying on an excessive degree on its physical powers. Only Oliver Bierhoff, the big centre forward, keeps scoring and making goals, raising hopes of better things. Jürgen Klinsmann is still deadly around the penalty box, as his goals and assists in the tournament prove, but he has lost both thrust and pace. In midfield, Andy Möller has been a failure, the absence of Matthias Sammer as libero has been severely felt, and it is all too significant that the 37-year-old Lothar Matthäus has been brought back for his fourth World Cup. Indeed, the Germany team began to improve only when he dropped back to sweeper, in the second half against Iran.

**M**exico have surpassed all expectations. Their morale is high, not least that of the young forward Luis Hernández, whose sudden burst brought the sensational equaliser in the last game, against Holland. At 29, he is making up for the humiliation of his spell with Boca Juniors, when he was condemned to the bench. Against Holland, he had valuable help when the veteran Ricardo Pelaez came on at half-time. "The Mexicans are real fighters," Jaap Stam, Manchester United's new £10 million centre back, said — and he should know, as Hernández forced his way past him to score that equalising goal. "If their technique isn't very good," Stam added, "they know how to make up for it with their mental approach."

The experienced Mexico midfielder player, García Aspe said: "Our team shows real force of character and strong personality." Whether the Mexico defence, never wholly convincing, will withstand the forays of Bierhoff and Klinsmann must be another matter.

**GERMANY** (probable: 3-2-1; A Nörke — 3 J Heinrich, 4 J Kohler, 8 L Matthäus, 2 C Wörns, 21 M Tarnat — 16 D Hermann, 5 T Hamer, 10 T Häsel, 18 J Klinsmann, 20 O Bierhoff); **MEXICO** (probable: 5-3-2; 1 J Campos — 13 P Pardo, 3 C Suarez, 6 D Davino, 19 B Luis, 20 J Orozco — 4 G Villa, 9 A García Aspe, 9 R Pelaez — 15 L Hernández, 11 C Blanco. Referee: V Melo Pereira (Portugal). **COVERAGE:** Television: ITV from 3.15pm, Eurosport (from 3pm), Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live (with tennis, from 3pm), Talk Radio (from 3.30pm). Kick-off: 3.30pm.

### HOT SHOTS

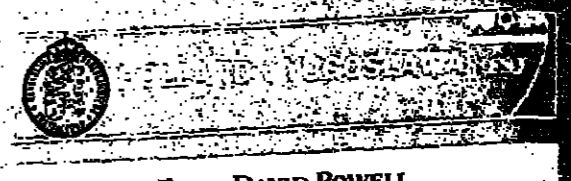
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**4: G Batistuta (Argentina), M Salas (Chile).**  
**3: César Sampaio (Brazil), T Henry (France), L Hernández (Mexico), Ronaldo (Brazil).**  
**2: A Ortega (Argentina), M Wiland (Belgium), Bebeto (Brazil), O Sotiro (Croatia), O Bierhoff (Germany), J Klinsmann (Germany), R de Boer (Holland), P Cocca (Holland), R Baggio (Italy), R Pelaez (Mexico), A Hadda (Morocco), S Basar (Morocco), Y Malesheroy (Romania), S Bartlett (South Africa), F Hierro (Spain), P Mientzen (Spain), Nino Spain, T Whitmore (Ukraine).**

### BATISTUTA TIPPED

Ladbrokes have Gabriel Batistuta at 4-1 to score the first goal for Argentina against England tomorrow evening. Unsurprisingly, Michael Owen and Alan Shearer are England's best bets at 6-1 apiece. Argentina are 8-11 on to qualify for the quarter-finals, England only evens.

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Sunday July 12	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>FINAL</b>
Saturday July 11	8pm	Parc des Princes	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF</b>
<b>9 &amp; 10 JULY REST DAYS</b>				
Wednesday July 8	8pm	Stade de France	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>
Tuesday July 7	8pm	Marseille	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>
<b>5 &amp; 6 JULY REST DAYS</b>				
Saturday July 4	3.30pm	Marseille	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>QUARTER-FINALS</b>
Friday July 3	3.30pm	Stade de France	tba, R5I/Talk	<b>QUARTER-FINALS</b>
<b>1 &amp; 2 JULY REST DAYS</b>				
Tuesday June 30	3.30pm	Bordeaux	BBC, R5I/Talk	<b>SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT</b>
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Tuesday June 30	3.30pm	Montpellier	ITV, R5I/Talk	<b>SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT</b>
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### FROM DAVID POWELL

**E**ngland will be keeping a special eye on this one in Toulouse this evening. Victory over Argentina tomorrow would take them into a quarter-final against the winners of this potentially fascinating second-round match. In a game likely to be heavily loaded with technique, Holland must adhere to one golden rule: never give away a free kick to Yugoslavia within 35 yards of goal. It is a mistake which both Iran and the United States made to their cost in the group matches, each losing 1-0 as a consequence. Sinisa Mihajlovic struck with a fulminating left-foot free kick from 30 yards to score directly and end Iran's plucky resistance. Against the United States, such was the power of Mihajlovic's kick that Friedel, the US goalkeeper, could only parry to present Komljenovic with a simple header. Yugoslavia's technical skills have impressed and they were unfortunate, when leading Germany 2-0, that their opponents got back into the game courtesy of a deflected free kick. Holland, too, have demonstrated sumptuous skills, crushing South Korea 5-0 with a stylish performance.

**D**ragan Stojkovic, the midfielder who has appeared in all three of Yugoslavia's matches so far, said yesterday: "The two teams have interesting styles which will make the confrontation exciting, both for the players and for the spectators." The Yugoslavia defence is suspect and may be easily broken through by Overmars. Bergkamp, whose return from injury has been timed perfectly, having been out for six weeks, appears to be getting sharper with each match. Slobodan Santrac, the Yugoslavia coach, confirmed yesterday that Mijatovic, Stojkovic and Savicevic, each essential to his team's tactical needs, would be in the starting line-up but Djukic and Kotacovic "are not sure to play". **HOLLAND** (probable: 4-5-1; E van der Sar — 2 M Reuser, 3 J Sim, 4 F de Boer, 5 A Numan — 7 R de Boer, 6 W Jonk, 18 E Davids, 14 M Overmars — 11 P Cocca, 8 D Bergkamp. **YUGOSLAVIA** (probable: 4-4-2; 1 I Kost — 2 Z Mijatovic, 16 Z Petrovic, 3 G Djuric, 11 S Mihajlovic — 8 D Savicevic, 20 D Stankovic, 7 V Jugovic, 10 D Stojkovic — 9 P Mijatovic, 22 D Komljenovic. Referee: J M Garcia-Aranda (Spain). **COVERAGE:** Television: BBC1 (from 7.30pm); Eurosport (live, from 10pm); Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live (from 7.30pm); Talk Radio (from 8pm). Kick-off: 8pm.

### CARDS

- YELLOW**
- Brazil: Cafu, Leonardo.
  - Croatia: Z Soldo (2) — from group phase, misses second-round match.
  - Denmark: M Rieper.
  - Italy: L di Biagio, P Maldini, F Moriero.
- RED**
- Mexico: P Pardo, J Ramirez — from group phase, unavailable for second-round match.
- Cards refer to those given during the knockout phase unless stated.
- LATEST CUP ODDS**
- Denmark's victory last night means that their World Cup odds at William Hill have been cut from 150-1 to 33-1. Brazil are still 2-1 favourites, while France are 4-1 and England 10-1.
- OTHER ODDS:** Holland 11-2, Italy 6-1, Argentina 7-1, Germany 8-1, Romania and Yugoslavia 50-1, Mexico 100-1.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Norway	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Morocco	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Scotland	3	0	1	2	2	1	1
Italy	3	2	1	0	7	7	7
Chile	3	0	3	0	4	3	3
Austria	3	0	2	1	3	2	2
Cameroon	3	0	2	1	2	2	2
France	3	3	0	0	9	9	9
Denmark	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
South Africa	3	0	2	1	3	2	2
S Arabia	3	0	1	2	2	1	1
Nigeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	5
Paraguay	3	1	2	0	3	4	4
Spain	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	1	1	1
Holland	3	1	2	0	2	5	5
Mexico	3	1	2	0	7	5	5
Belgium	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
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Tunisia	3	0	1	2	1	1	1
Argentina	3	3	0	0	7	9	9
Croatia	3	2	0	1	2	6	6
Jamaica	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Japan	3	0	0	3	1	0	0

Rare Ferrari double breaks McLaren's domination of title race

# Schumacher restarts championship

FROM KEVIN EASON IN MAGNY COURS

THE line between the good fortune that brings victory and the ill luck that can shatter a season can never have been finer. Michael Schumacher was given a second chance to win the French Grand Prix yesterday, when a restart was controversially ordered, and he grabbed it with both hands. In fact, Ferrari cashed in its windfall in full, with Eddie Irvine. Schumacher's teammate, taking a second place that owed as much to opportunism as durability and gave Ferrari its first one-two finish for eight years. The significance of the result is that the early season domination of McLaren, which threatened to turn the world championship into an embarrassing rout, has been wiped out.

Schumacher moved to within six points of Mika Hakkinen in the world championship standings, and Ferrari halved the 22-point lead McLaren held in the constructors' competition. Ferrari are on a roll while the McLaren drivers have been forced to suffer a series of upsets, apparently unable to control their own destiny.

David Coulthard has been afflicted by a run of outrageous bad luck. After mechanical failures undermined his chances in the past two races, yesterday he suffered the debilitating experience of going into the pits in fourth place only to discover that the McLaren fuel rig would not connect to his car. After an aborted stop, he eventually emerged in seventh place, effectively relegating him to the part of a bit player in the championship race. It was almost more than Ron Dennis, the McLaren team principal, could bear. He looked first at the sky then at his feet, barely able to comprehend the way that the fates had turned against his drivers.

"This is not consistent with our usual thorough standards and we simply have to put these things right," he said. If he was able to contain his emotions, Coulthard was close to devastation, though he refused to apportion blame. "It was a mechanical problem," he said. "The guy on the rig was as upset as I am. It is not good enough when you are in for the championship but things seem to be going from bad to worse. Sometimes I can't believe it."

The dash from the start was always going to be crucial, and Hakkinen was more than confident that his pole position would give him the chance to establish an unassailable lead.

As he roared to the first corner he could glance in his mirrors and enjoy the satisfying sight of Schumacher behind him. A little over a minute later, however, he was on his way to the pit straight knowing that he would have to go through it all over again. The race was stopped on the first lap after Jos Verstappen, making his debut for the Stewart Ford team, stalled his car on the grid. Marshals were unable to move it quickly enough and the restart was ordered.

Maybe the tension got to the normally implacable Hakkinen because, in his words, his second start was "a disaster". "I couldn't understand why there was a restart," he said. "I thought there must have been a big accident or something. The second time, I couldn't hold the clutch and then it gripped too much and I spun the wheels."

Dennis, too, thought that the restart was "questionable", whereas Irvine was emphatic: "We don't want anybody crashing into the marshals. You don't want someone killed because Ron Dennis wants to win a race."

At the second start, Hakkinen was passed not only by Schumacher but also by Irvine. This time Schumacher looked in his mirrors to see the even more satisfying sight of Irvine's Ferrari providing the perfect buffer between him and Hakkinen.

"I was crossing my fingers for Eddie so when I looked in my mirrors and saw him in second place from the start, I knew this was the ideal situation," Schumacher said. With Irvine holding up the two McLarens, Schumacher was able to gain a second lap

and establish the cushion he needed for two comfortable pit stops.

Try as he might, there was no way through for Hakkinen, his early effort to overtake resulting in a spin that temporarily dropped him to fourth place.

As the pit stops unwound, Schumacher was untouchable and cruising to victory, while Irvine found himself in a 15-lap dog-fight with Hakkinen to the finish. The Finn was always hampered by the need for caution to ensure he finished in the points. His concerted effort at the last corner was to not avail and Irvine secured his place by a tenth of a second. Coulthard just managed to sneak into sixth place on the last lap for a much-needed, if unsatisfactory, single point.

The contrast after the race could not be starker: in one corner of the paddock, McLaren mechanics were packing their kit with taciturn urgency, both drivers heading quickly for the airport, while in the other, well-wishers poured into the Ferrari motorhome.

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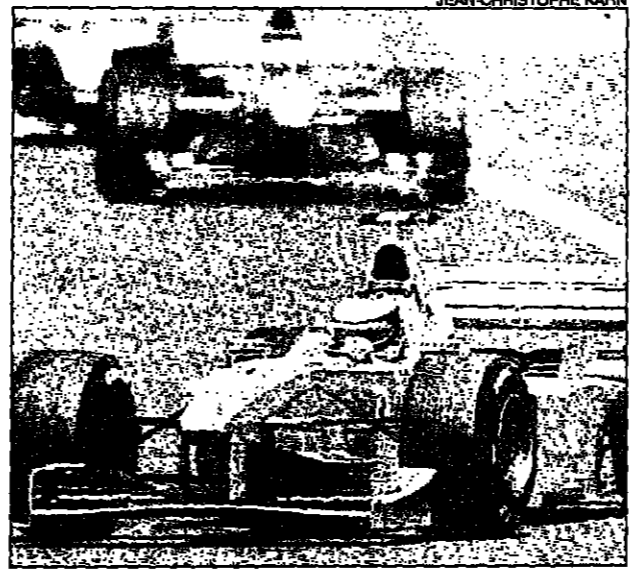
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Schumacher, left, and Irvine celebrate at Magny Cours after securing Ferrari's first one-two finish for eight years



Schumacher leads as Irvine keeps Hakkinen at bay

## DETAILS FROM MAGNY COURS

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GRANDS PRIX TO COME: July 12: British (Silverstone); July 26: Austrian (Spielberg); August 2: German (Hockenheim); Aug 16: Hungarian (Budapest); August 30: Belgian (Spa-Francorchamps); September 13: Italian (Monza); September 27: Luxembourg (Nürburgring); October 11: Portuguese (Estoril); November 1: Japanese (Suzuka).

## RUGBY LEAGUE: LACK OF QUALITY ALL TOO EVIDENT AS TOOTHLESS TIGERS FAIL TO CAPITALISE ON SLOPPY OPENING FROM VISITORS

### Rhinos fail to convince in victory

Warrington Wolves ..... 14  
Leeds Rhinos ..... 27

By PETER WILSON

LEEDS Rhinos rejoined Wigan Warriors at the top of the JJB Super League but they had to dig deep to overcome a spirited challenge from Warrington Wolves.

It was only after the Wolves had been denied a late try thanks to TV evidence and conceded a penalty that Iestyn Harris, the Leeds captain, converted, the last chance of an upset deserted them. Their efforts certainly did not deserve the further punishment of Anthony Farrell's try in the closing minutes.

Leeds looked anything but potential champions in the first half. Three penalty goals from Chris Rudd, two of them for fouls on Mark Hilton, put Warrington into a 6-0 lead before the Rhinos stirred. Then two tries in the space of four minutes tilted the game their way. Francis Cummins made the first breakthrough and then two minutes later Andy Hay, the second-row forward, powered over the line.

Brendon Tuata restored Warrington's lead but Leeds responded with a try by Barrie McDermott, a substitute. Another penalty allowed Rudd to level the scores but Warrington's challenge faded when they allowed Ryan Sheridan the freedom to head for the corner and Leeds' fourth try and Farrell finished with a flourish.

SCORERS: Warrington Wolves: Try: Ryan Sheridan; Goals: Paul G. Leeds Rhinos: Try: Iestyn Harris; Goals: Chris Rudd; Pen: Barrie McDermott; Sheridan; Goals: Hays (3); Dropped goal: Hilton.  
WARRINGTON WOLVES: L. Perny; J. Rouse; C. Rudd; M. Eason; M. Forster; D. Cane; L. Lane; L. Brier; M. Bilton; D. Farrell; N. Hurry; S. Tuata; S. McDermott; M. Warrington; Substitutes: K. Knight; C. Molevy; W. Stevens; V. Lewis.  
LEEDS RHINOS: I. Gordon; P. Sterling; R. Buchanan; B. Hadden; F. Cummins; T. Kemp; G. Holtby; M. Maghella; R. Sheridan; D. Peery; A. Hay; A. Funnell; D. Powell; Substitutes: B. McDermott; M. St. Marc; J. Mathew; M. Golden; R. Atwell; R. Smith (Castelford)

## Wigan find second gear is sufficient

Castelford Tigers ..... 4  
Wigan Warriors ..... 34

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN committed the cardinal sin of squandering possession four times in the first 13 minutes. A quality side would hardly have allowed such latitude to go unpunished, but Castelford's Tigers are not that side. Another seven minutes and they were 12-0 in arrears and out of the game.

The loss at Wheldon Road yesterday was Castelford's fourth successive home defeat in the JJB Super League. Since they were beaten by Leeds Rhinos last month, Wigan have been untroubled in six outings. So much for the so-called improved level of competition. It is interesting to recall that, in Wigan's heyday, Castelford managed to beat them at home in Wigan's 1992, 1993 and 1994 title-winning seasons.

Wigan did not go through all the gears; they had no need to, for Castelford mounted precious little threat. Their kicking game, a pre-requisite nowadays, veered between the awful — Davis insisted on pumping the ball towards the always dangerous Robinson — and non-existent. Castelford's efforts amounted to a try by the determined Paul Smith. Michael Smith coughing up the ball on the Wigan line and Tonks being pulled up for a double movement.

For Wigan, Andy Farrell was not flawless, missing one of six conversions, but he came close. He was heavily involved in three of their five tries before adding the final one to notch his 200th point of the season. While Castelford scratched their heads at an



Farrell, the Wigan captain, gains no joy from the Castelford defence on this occasion

offside decision in the seventh minute, the Wigan captain took a quick tap, toyed with Davis by showing him the ball and nipped beneath the posts.

On his return to Castelford after his £100,000 signing in April last year, Tony Smith was on the receiving end of a

"welcome back" tackle for which Dean Sampson was fortunate not to have been placed on report, at the very least. It left the scrum half visibly dazed. Smith, unwisely, insisted on carrying on for a few minutes, before he staggered to the touchline and

produced a devastating 90-yard solo effort midway through the second half.

Watson was inspirational at full back and John Kear, the Sheffield coach, said: "He was the best player on the field. Dave's attitude and commitment since we brought him to the club has been outstanding and he showed against Hull that he's still a world-class player."

## Quickfire Bulls back on the winning trail

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRADFORD BULLS, the JJB Super League champions, got back to winning ways last night, beating Huddersfield Giants, the bottom club, 36-10 at Odsal. The Bulls, hit by injuries and with Shaun Edwards having departed, scored three tries in the opening quarter to record only their third win in six home games.

St Helens recovered from their surprise defeat at Sheffield Eagles to

turn in a slick eight-try display and beat Salford Reds 48-12. Robbie Goulding led the way with eight goals from nine attempts and two tries in his comeback match and said: "I am glad to be back and hopefully will now keep my place."

Sheffield Eagles, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup winners, improved their top-five claims with a splendid second-half performance that put back to Hull Sharks, 35-20, at The Boulevard. Dave Watson and Bright Sudje, both former Hull Kingston Rovers players, returned to the city to haunt the Sharks.

## GOLF

# Torrance shows he has no match in Paris

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

SAM TORRANCE has been written off more often than enough in the recent past by some who call themselves experts. Yesterday, however, he proved that there is plenty of life left in this particular old dog by winning the Peugeot French Open in some style, a closing 70 giving him a total of 276, 12 under par.

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Torrance: emotional

## Football

### Courageous Rowley in the swim

Halifax Blue Sox ..... 34  
London Broncos ..... 14

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

PAUL ROWLEY, whose naked torso adorns billboards for the JJB Super League, displayed different heroic qualities on Saturday, rescuing a teenage girl from a swollen river near his home in Wigan, before leading London Broncos a merry dance.

"She was clinging to a rock," Rowley said. "There was a strong current and a waterfall not far away. I jumped in and carried her out. The fire service arrived and the police wanted a statement, so I was late for the pre-match meeting and, at first, nobody believed me."

The Halifax hooker capped a fine display with a 60-metre solo try as London, dire in defence and clueless in attack, slumped to a third consecutive defeat.

To see Young and Carroll, London's New Zealand and Australia prop forwards, upstaged by Harrison, a veteran forward of 34, who scored a try of which a threequarter would have been proud, especially galled Tony Currie, the Broncos coach.

Halifax amassed all their points in the first 50 minutes, easily maintaining their unbeaten home record. The forwards did the bulk of the damage, with Marshall and Moana, assisted by London's lack of tackling, adding to an early try by Powell. John Bentley contributed the sixth try.

SCORERS: Halifax Blue Sox: Trues, Powell, Marshall, Moana, Harrison, Rowley, Bentley; Goals: Clinch (5); London Broncos: Hines; Ryan; Colton; Smith; Goal: Mulligan.

## Football

### Wednesday linked with Smith move

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

RANGERS yesterday fuelled speculation that Walter Smith, their former manager, may take over at Sheffield Wednesday by saying that they would not stand in his way. Smith, who left his position at Ibrox at the end of the season, had been expected to move into a new role when Dick Advocaat, the former Holland coach, takes over as head coach.

However, Smith, who is known to be keen to manage an FA Carling Premiership club, has been linked with the managerial vacancies at Wednesday and Everton.

Donald Findlay, the Rangers vice-chairman, said: "If Walter said he wanted to go somewhere else, we would respect that. It is entirely his decision. If I were the chairman of an English Premiership club and making a list of potential candidates, I would certainly have Walter on it."

"It doesn't surprise me at all when a manager's job comes up that he would be linked with it." Reports suggested that Smith, 50, would link up with Archie Knox, his former No 2 at Ibrox, to take over from Ron Atkinson at Hillsborough. Smith took over from Graeme Souness, after serving as his assistant, in 1991 and during his time in charge Rangers won seven consecutive league titles and six domestic cups.

Findlay said: "I haven't spoken to Walter for a while because he has been away in France at the World Cup, but there is a job here for him and as things stand, we are expecting him to take it."

"We are not just creating a job for Walter because of all that he has done here. There is a job there that needs doing and we had in mind using his talent and experience. It would involve looking at possible players we might want to bring to Rangers and youth development."

# Delivering his lines to keep the audience enthralled

Tim Henman is one of the great ham actors of our time, but he also gets embarrassed when people watch him do anything. He loves to make a parade of his emotions, he does everything he can to keep his emotions bottled up. He mixes immense theatricality with almost painful diffidence.

Watch the way he punches the air after an especially good shot. The air above his head goes unscathed. He keeps below the waist, mostly out of sight. The blow travels only a few inches. He hardly punches the air at all; it is more accurate to say that he just threatens it.

He would die rather than

make a public exhibition of himself in the way that Jimmy Connors did, whooping, roaring, celebrating big points with wild phallic gestures and protruding pelvic thrusting. He would die of embarrassment and yet he longs to do exactly that.

It is this tension within him that makes this the third successive Wimbledon of Henmania. The actual qualities of his tennis are best suited, so the experts used to say, to hard courts. Doubtless true, but his nature is best suited to Wimbledon.

A set up and a break up when his match against Byron Black resumed on Saturday, you would have expected him to finish things off in a crisp half-hour or so. Perhaps

it was his occasional outbursts of insufficient ruthlessness (bad sign). Perhaps it was that old Henmaniacal love of the limelight (good sign).

Whatever it was, it brought us one of Wimbledon's now traditional Henman multi-set agonies, complete with its now traditional chorus, "Gorn Tim!" He eventually won 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, but not before going a break down in the last, with Black serving to go two sets all.

This inability to finish is the worst of Henman. What followed was the best, sudden, cold, controlled and blinding aggression, reeling off four games to move from 3-5 to 7-5 and match. Lord, how this man loves to put them through it.

## Simon Barnes sees Britain's great hope progress with suitable drama

This has been a rum Wimbledon for Henman so far. Greg Rusedzki has often complained that Henman bags an unfair share of the headlines. This Wimbledon, Rusedzki has grabbed far more attention and without even completing a tennis match.

Henman has been passing through his first three rounds in the manner that we expect these days. We do not get excited about Henman until the second week. We take it for granted that he will get there. A few years ago, Jeremy Bates held the nation enthralled on the same Wimbledon Saturday, simply with the possibility that a Brit might survive into the second week.

For a handful of games, in which Henman served up more drama than quality, it seemed that we were zooming back in time to the days when Henmania had not been invented and the other Brit was a Canadian.

But no, the old drama queen — standard actors' tease — still loves playing to packed houses and he duly Gorn-Timed his way to victory. He is less than he was last year, but I wouldn't worry about that. The alchemy of Henman and a Wimbledon crowd is capable of producing better stuff this week.

"The crowd really helped me," he said. "They really got behind me. A break down in the fourth, I need all the help I can get." Naturally there were attempts to get him to speak about his patriotism, his love of doing it for Britain, the way he found true inspiration from watching the football, whether he approached the match thinking, as a result of all that foote. "I must not let the nation down."

This particular bit of daffness brought an uncharacteristic forthrightness from Henman. "The nation doesn't come into it at all," he said.

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## Henman must call on more than instinct for survival

**By JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT**

The good ship Henman has taken in plenty of water. It has listed this way and that, yet the vessel bearing a heavy cargo of expectation remains very much afloat. So, too, are the player's prospects of sailing beyond the quarter-finals, where Henman has flourished in each of the past two years.

It would be wrong to translate Henman's uneasy passage through the first week into the likelihood of defeat against Pat Rafter, seeded No 6, on Centre Court today. What has gone before holds little relevance to what lies ahead. If the past 12 months offer an accurate portent, the hesitancy engulfing him will subside to the swagger far more characteristic of Henman at Wimbledon.

The catalyst should have been Henman's safe passage beyond three matches that he was widely expected to win. The Briton is far from comfortable in these circumstances. Throw him an anonymous baseliner and he has all the appetite of a Muslim at Ramadan. Set his sights on the likes of Rafter, however, and the marksman in Henman should emerge.

Rafter's aggressive approach offers Henman the target denied him so far. The US Open champion's game resembles that of Richard Krajicek, against whom Henman invariably excels — as in the fourth round at Wimbledon 12 months ago. Indeed, Henman excelled when accounting for Rafter in straight sets the last time they met, in Sydney five months ago.

Beyond Rafter lurks Petr Korda, seeded No 3, whose baseline habits would pose Henman problems. But Korda, silken of talent, is also brittle of mind. The Czech has been off-colour since January, when he won the Australian Open. Henman illustrated the point when he dismissed Korda, in straight sets, at the Lipton championships in Florida three months ago.

There is no doubt that Henman has lacked assurance at SW19. His low conversion rate of break points attests to the tension in his playing arm. He has struggled for inspiration — although the way he broke Byron Black in successive games on Saturday, stealing victory from a precarious position, will have greatly fortified him.

The burning intensity within Henman is a new development: one aimed at countering his mind's tendency to stray. While this intensity may have inhibited his free-flowing style, it has almost certainly kept him in the tournament. The difference between

Henman and Black was that Henman made fast starts in each of the four chapters embracing the match. This is a significant addition to the repertoire of a man not always quick off the blocks.

Despite his progress into the second week, it is unrealistic to expect overall victory from Henman at Wimbledon. His mental fortitude over a grand-slam fortnight is unproven; his skirmishes with defeat are debts that may be claimed as the event unfolds. And the silhouette of Pete Sampras, four times the champion and a potential semi-final opponent for Henman, is now discernible.

Sampras resumes today in a delicate position against Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden. He leads by a set but stands at 5-5 in the second. Sampras, seeded No 1, will not appreciate the sight of Mark Philippoussis progressing sweetly in his section of the draw. The big-serving Australian will almost certainly collide with Sampras in the quarter-finals if he can overcome his compatriot, Jason Stoltenberg, in the fourth round today.

In the lower half of the draw, Goran Ivanisevic and Krajicek, the only surviving seeds, are favoured to meet in the semi-finals. The failure of seeds to advance in this section should prompt the seeding committee to further digress from the world rankings when bestowing its favoured status. But for the committee's decision to promote Ivanisevic ahead of his ranking, Krajicek's path to the final almost certainly would be clear of seeds.

Krajicek has progressed with clinical efficiency and remains dangerously fresh. The champion two years ago, Krajicek, 26, surely knows that he will never have a better opportunity to reach a second Wimbledon final. Today, he plays the able but enigmatic Nick Pietrangeli, of Germany, for the right to meet Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, in the fourth round.

Ferreira booked his ticket when he beat Chris Wilkison, of Great Britain, in four sets on Saturday. Wilkison, world ranked No 156, has now reached the third round at Wimbledon on four occasions. In that respect he has been the exception among British players ranked below Henman and Greg Rusedzki, whose crusade against injury backfired so badly.

Rusedzki's setback has left Henman alone to carry the torch. Given Henman's penchant for the big occasion, he should not find it too hot to hold until the semi-final stage.

## Smith lifts British women's game

**Nick Szczepanik sees an Exeter history graduate surpass all expectations with win over former champion**

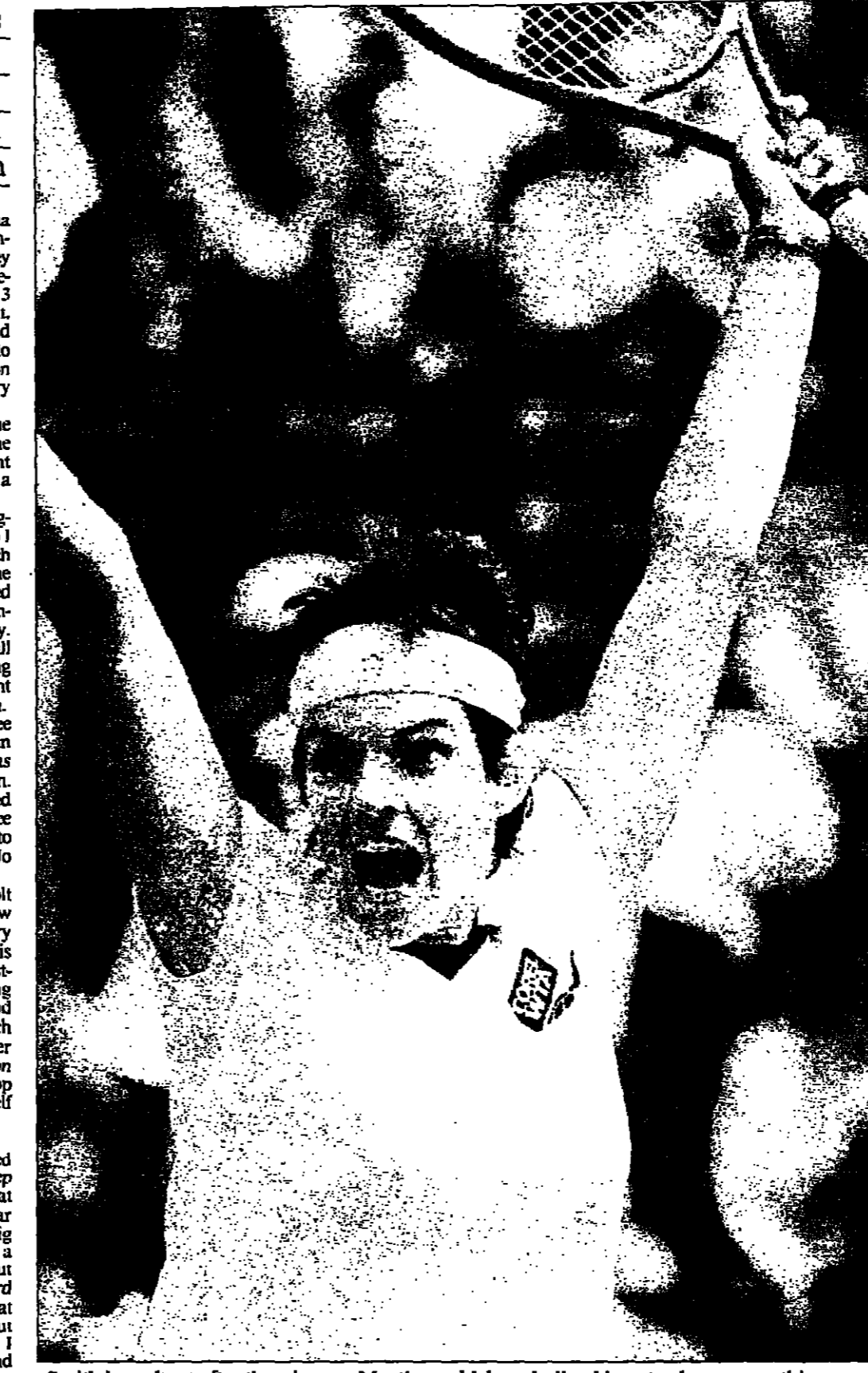
A year ago, Samantha Smith, the British women's No 1, made a low-key departure from Wimbledon. Half the crowd on court No 3 were there to see her opponent, Naoko Sawamatsu, of Japan, and many of the rest had their backs to play as they watched the action on the adjoining court, where Mary Pierce was playing.

As usual, Smith's stay in the singles competition had lasted one match. Henmania was rampant elsewhere, but Smithmania? Not a chance.

Today, Smith will fulfil a long-held dream by walking out on No 1 Court, for a fourth-round match against Nathalie Tauziat, No 16 seed, having eliminated Conchita Martínez, the eighth-seeded world No 7, on Saturday. Her victory, by 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 was all the more remarkable for being achieved despite a 4-1 overnight deficit against the 1994 champion.

Smith, who left the tour for three years in 1992 to take a degree in history at Exeter University, has created some history of her own. Her win was the first over a seeded player by a British woman since 1990 and made her the first to reach the fourth round since Jo Durie in 1985.

Her success may seem a bolt from the blue to those who follow tennis only for a fortnight every year, but Smith came into this year's Wimbledon at her highest-ever ranking, 94th, after promising performances at Edgbaston and Eastbourne, and she will go much higher whatever happens in her match today. Three Wimbledon wins will help her towards the top 50 placing she believes herself capable of.



Smith is exultant after the win over Martínez which underlined her steady progress this season

Now 26, she has earned the opportunity to step up to the level that brings with it regular places in the main draws of the big events. "There have been quite a few weaknesses in my game but since I came back I've worked hard to put them right, and I felt that this year I had to be positive about what I was doing, believe that I had a good game for grass, and just put it together," she said.

First Wimbledon wins, over two higher-ranked players, over Gaëlle Sidot and Mariana Diaz Oliva, the second despite an ankle injury in the second set that required lengthy on-court treatment, justified that belief. On Saturday, Smith also showed that she had learnt from a straight-sets defeat by Martínez at the US Open.

From here on, of course, opponents will not underestimate her, as Martínez admitted that she had, perhaps misled by the outcome of the first set, which had never been as one-sided as the 6-2 score suggested.

"I was pretty close on points

my chances and then I'd won the match."

Tauziat, of France, is arguably a better grass-court player than Martínez, but the 1998 Sun Smith is also a better player than last year's model. "I'm more solid from the back and from the net, and I've got a lot more confidence and self-belief that I can go out and win," she said. "Here I am and I'm going to give it a really good go."

Although she is still charmingly unaffected she has difficulty even imagining the £25,000 she has won thus far, she accepts that she may be the standard-bearer for British

women's tennis. "I think that my win will really give women's tennis a boost in this country," she said. "If other people can see that I can do it, they're going to out there and think that they can do it too."

It was not so long ago that Tim Henman would have passed unnoticed through the Wimbledon crowds as Smith has done up to now, and of course it will take more than one appearance at the beginning of the BBC's Wimbledon highlights programme to lodge her face in the public consciousness: it is up to her to make sure that there are others.

Smith said. "I just felt I had to hold my nerve, and then the longer I stayed on court, the more chance I had." The only further break against her, in the third set, was recovered immediately, with Martínez increasingly at odds with herself. An imperious penultimate game saw Smith break Martínez again, this time to love, for a 6-5 lead, before punching away the winning volley on the first of two match points.

"I played some of the best tennis I think I've ever played at the right time," Smith said. "She got a little bit tentative and I went for it, took

## Hingis sees the light after week of gloom

**By ALIX RAMSAY**

FOR the past 15 months, Martina Hingis has been top of the class in women's tennis. She made getting there look easy, but staying there has not been so simple in recent months. Her Wimbledon campaign got off to a distinctly average start but by Saturday she was getting back to her imperious best. It took only 46 minutes for her to swan into the fourth round, gliding effortlessly past Elena Likhovtseva 6-2, 6-1.

Just four years ago, when she was still 18, Likhovtseva was creating enough of a stir to be nominated for the WTA's most impressive newcomer award. Since then she has had her moments — including a fourth-round appearance at Wimbledon in 1996 — but has never been able to compete with the new young guns. On Saturday, there were times when she could not compete with her own shadow, much less Hingis.

It is not that Likhovtseva does not have some nice shots at her disposal; her problem is trying to string four of them together to win a game. She pushed Hingis in the opening game and then promptly dropped her own service. From there on it was all downhill. As Hingis won some easy points with a much improved first serve and did the usual damage with her backhand, she watched Likhovtseva self-destruct before her. Hingis did surrender her service twice, however, and on both occasions it brought a look of disgust from the top seed: this was a blot on the copybook that would not be tolerated.

Still, the victory made Hingis's week complete. Suddenly the dark clouds had parted and her confidence was restored. Is her relationship with grass-court tennis turning into a love affair? "It's a bit early but if I reach the finals again you could call it that," she said, full of smiles. Nevertheless, she is aware that, as a player who relies on brain power rather than muscle, the green stuff has its drawbacks. "If I lose one or two games I don't know what to do to make it better," she said. "You just have to be faster but if it doesn't work you lose and you don't know how."

Monica Seles knows exactly what can be her undoing on grass, but so far she has side-stepped the dangers. Nipping on and off court between showers and dealing with the clouds of smoke billowing over No 1 Court from a fire in a block of flats a few hundred yards up the road, she bludgeoned her way past Yayuk Basuki 6-2, 6-3 and now faces the No 14 seed, Sandrine Testud, of France.

Her game-plan will be simple — "attack, serve well and go for my shots" — and her tip for the title is equally direct. "You have got to be strong mentally and I believe that anyone who is in there has a shot at it," she said. With Graf and Kournikova gone and Hingis happy but, as yet, untested, there may just be a chance that one of the older guard takes the honours.

### TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

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### RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

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First round	Second round	First round	Second round
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**THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON**

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ATHLETICS: MEN'S 4 x 400 METRES RELAY TEAM LEAVE THEIR RIVALS TRAILING TO LIFT EUROPEAN CUP

# Britain wield baton to enforce victory

FROM IAN CHADBAND  
IN ST PETERSBURG

AS HE strolled across the line, Mark Richardson did his Churchill bit, putting the baton to his lips and puffing contentedly on it like a victory cigar. He was anchoring the 4 x 400 metres relay quartet to an effortless win and the Great Britain men, against all the odds, could be found dancing in the stands, celebrating a European Cup triumph here that was as thrilling as it was unexpected.

At the end of an afternoon of extraordinary fluctuations in the sun-baked Petrovsky Stadium, which ultimately saw the lead in a desperately closely fought men's event change hands eight times, yet again it had all come down to the old relay scene-stealers. Jonathan Edwards, in the triple jump, Colin Jackson, in the sprint hurdles, and the 200 metres man, Doug Walker, had already registered individual triumphs to set up a remarkable finale.

With the Germany men 1½ points ahead, the unbackable

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foursome of Roger Black, Jamie Baulch, Iwan Thomas and Richardson knew that they would have to finish two places ahead of their old foe to seal victory. This was one penalty shoot-out they were not about to blow; the world silver medal-winning quartet were in a different league, winning by nearly 30 metres in 3min 00.95sec.

With Germany finishing fifth, Britain had retained the title by 2½ points and the party could begin.

Black, the team captain, picked up the trophy amid cheering from a knot of noisy British fans — before being chucked into the water jump in scenes reminiscent of the men's first European Cup triumph in Gateshead back in 1989. Dave Moorcroft, the chief executive of UK Athletics '98, who has had to oversee troubled times for a bankrupt, ailing sport these past nine months, reckoned that this victory — and qualification for the World Cup in Johannesburg in September that went with it — was even sweeter. "Perfect," he said. "Hopefully, after the terrible year we've had, it will have the same



Edwards leaps for a victory in the triple jump that helped Britain's men to secure the European Cup. Photograph: Alexander Demianchuk

uplifting effect on the sport that Gateshead did."

Richardson, who won the 400 metres on Saturday, said that "nobody, not even the athletes themselves", really believed that they could win in this post-Linford Christie era without injured key points-scoring and reliant on a host of untried novices. "In the end," Black said, "it was down to those who were expected to win delivering and those expected to come sixth or seventh performing above themselves."

The big guns fired confidently — Jackson, after his third place in the 100 metres on Saturday, landed his fourth 110 metres hurdles title in 13.17sec while Edwards's 17.29 metres effort earned him a

fourth successive triple jump crown — but it was also a weekend for new heroes to emerge.

Walker, a Scot who has made quiet, efficient progress in the race to find Christie's successor, had been up until Sam yesterday suffering from a violent stomach upset — just one of the many problems that the team has had to face out here in Russia. "I thought I'd lost a lot of my strength," the Edinburgh man said, but he had saved enough to destroy the 200 metres field in a lifetime best of 20.42sec. Afterwards, he went down the stadium tunnel and was violently sick; when he recovers, he can start thinking of winning a European title in Budapest this summer.

"That's us," Black said, "we scrap for every point." Indeed, the overnight lead of seven points had evaporated immediately when Mike Edwards no-heighted in the pole vault and, though it looked threatening with Italy, Russia, Germany and Britain separated by just a handful of points and the lead changing after almost every event, the bonuses quickly came.

Last year in Munich, Robert Hough's unlikely steeplechase win was the turning-point; this time, the honours went to Andy Hart, Coventry's un-sung 800 metres runner was seventh-fastest in 1998 form, but, after holding back over a brisk first lap, he weaved past tiring opponents to finish third in 1min 46.19sec and

recover Britain's lead. Then there was Ben Whitby, a young steeplechaser who battled heroically against weariness to pick up three points when one seemed more likely. It was the sort of nerveless effort that, like Ben Challenger's second place in the high jump and Nathan Morgan's third in the long jump on Saturday, ultimately tipped the balance. Five men — Challenger, Hart, Morgan, Walker and Tony Whiteman, in the 3,000 metres — set personal best times.

Amid all the celebrations, the women's performance in finishing fifth behind the runaway Russian winners was not to be sniffed at. On the verge of the relegation zone of the eight-team event overnight

after failing to finish the sprint relay on Saturday night, Paula Radcliffe played another captain's knock after her 5,000 metres triumph, finishing a battling runner-up in the 1,500 metres, while Judy Oakes, in a record tenth European Cup appearance, finished second in the shot.

Despite his ducking, Black was all smiles. His brilliant career will be over at the end of the season and lifting that cup, he said, will always remain one of its highlights. "Once again, we've done British sport proud," he smiled, before being unable to resist a message for the England footballers. "We've reached our World Cup final; now it would be great to see you do the same."

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Scotland prepare to introduce home rule

**BOWLS:** Scotland, who snatched the British team championship from Wales at Worthing last year, are hoping to exploit home advantage when they launch the defence of their title at Ayr Northfield this week (David Rhys Jones writes). Scotland sit out the opening round while Wales have introduced one new cap, Andrew Fleming, from Machynlleth, and have made a series of positional changes for the match against England, who have made wholesale changes, with five new caps, three recalls and two new skips.

Four of the England Under-25 team that thrashed Australia in the junior international series last summer have been included. In the British championships, which also start today, David Gourlay, the Scottish champion, is favourite to win the singles title and is keen to correct those who regard him as exclusively an indoor player.

### Thompson's triumph

**MOTOR RACING:** James Thompson achieved his and Honda's first Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car championship win of the season yesterday in the sprint race at his home track of Croft, North Yorkshire. In the feature race, Richard Rydell claimed a well-judged victory for Volvo and extended his overall lead in the championship standings.

### Newton in charge

**CYCLING:** Chris Newton, of Team Brite, recorded his eighth victory of the season yesterday when he won the Emergency Spares 136-kilometre road race at Barrow on Soar, Leicestershire (Peter Bryan writes). Gordon McCauley, from New Zealand, who rides for the Harrods team, was second, 28 seconds behind Newton, with Matthew Illingworth third, a further minute down.

### Ellerston claim cup

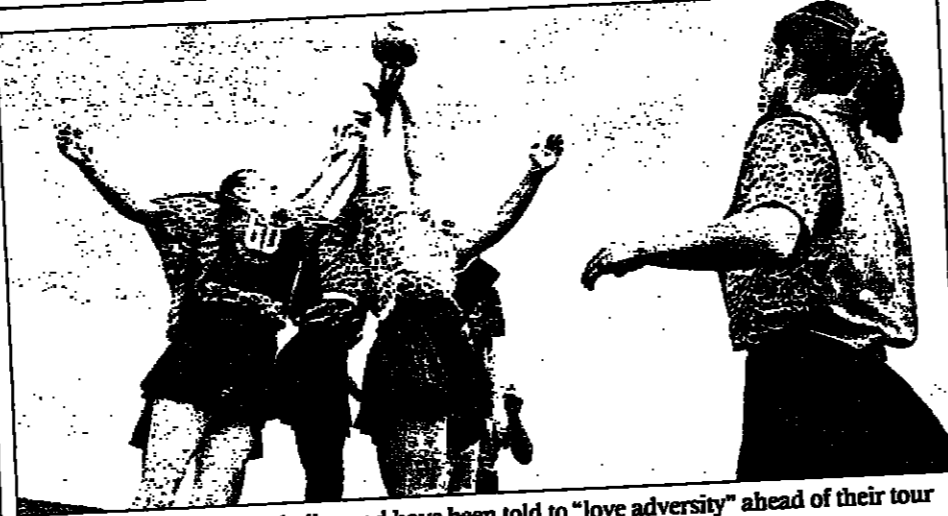
**POLO:** Kerry Packer's Ellerston won the high-goal Westbury Cup at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday, having beaten Prince Abdullah's quartet. Royal Pahaang (freed one) by 15 goals to 12 over six chukkas (John Watson writes). This match also counted as a league C result for the Yeuvic Cleeport British Open championship, for which 19 teams are deployed in four leagues.

### Teenager goes Dutch

**MOTORCYCLING:** Marco Melandri, a 15-year-old Italian who does not have a driving licence, won the 125cc Dutch grand prix at Assen, Melandri, who did not lead until the last lap, won a sprint to the finish with Kazuto Sakata, of Japan. The 500cc event was won by Michael Doolan, of Australia, who won easily and moved from fourth to second place in the championship.

### Wainaina leads field

**ATHLETICS:** Eric Wainaina, of Kenya, claimed two famous scalps yesterday when he beat Josiah Thugwane, the Olympic marathon champion, and Stephen Mayaka, the defending champion, to win the Sapporo men's half marathon with a time of 1hr 02min 56sec. The 24-year-old came home ahead of Atsushi Fujita, of Japan, and Mayaka finished third in 1hr 03min 12sec.



England's under-17 netball squad have been told to "love adversity" ahead of their tour

## England youngsters ready for ultimate test

BY JOHN GOODBODY

**NEW ZEALANDERS** are renowned not only for their outstanding ability at rugby union but also at netball. As England's rugby union team limped away from Auckland yesterday, the England under-17 netball squad were preparing in Loughborough for their arduous tour next month of the southern hemisphere.

It is a demanding prospect. New Zealand may have a population of only four million but that has proved no barrier to netball success. The country is ranked second after Australia, and the sport attracts huge crowds and media exposure.

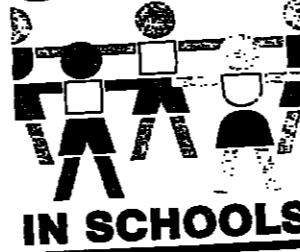
Germa Gibson, the England Under-17 goalkeeper, said: "We watched the New Zealand club finals on video. The interest was absolutely overwhelming. We are going to be celebrities and the fact that we are going on tour has not really sunk in yet. It probably only will when we get on the plane."

"But we are going to show what we can do. We could give them a shock because they are not expecting us to be as strong as we are."

No one is deceived about the task England, the European champions, face. Hazel Schofield, the captain, from Hulme GS, Manchester, said: "New Zealand are incredibly strong, incredibly fast. In matches we have watched, if there was a 50-50 ball, New Zealand have usually won it."

Gill Oliver, the coach for the 12-match tour, said: "Both the New Zealanders and Australians are physically very developed and have inner core

## SPORT



### IN SCHOOLS

strength and body control; when they land, they do not stumble."

The 12-strong England squad has received £37,000 of lottery funding from the English Sports Council through its World Class Performance Programme. The players were preparing at the new Institute of Youth Sport in Loughborough as one of the first national squads to take part in summer performance camps.

These become human laboratories. Not only do squads benefit from the outstanding research and sporting facilities but they provide data themselves for the Institute.

Sue Campbell, a former netball international and now chief executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said: "We are helping them and learning from them in this action-based research."

"Advice is given in such areas as nutrition and coaching and there are facilities for fitness testing, but the Institute also receives information so that we can build up profiles of youngsters."

"We are looking at questions of talent identification

such as 'what should a future senior international look like at 15 years old?'"

In netball, for instance, jumping ability is clearly important. Both Gibson and Schofield are outstanding high jumpers. Gibson was ranked eighth in her age group in Britain last year, having achieved a best leap of 1.68 metres.

Last weekend, the Institute, which is a joint venture of the Trust and Loughborough University, was giving lectures for the squad on overcoming jetlag and team goals for the trip.

Oliver said: "In netball England usually does not get enough hard matches in Europe so that when we go to the southern hemisphere we are suddenly under pressure. We are emphasising in this camp how we have got to thrive under pressure. We have got to love adversity and keep team cohesion."

Both Schofield and Gibson have key defensive roles to play. Schofield, who is also taking six A-levels, said: "I have to keep any heads from dropping."

Behind her, Gibson, from York's Sixth Form College, will seek to be a forceful presence. "It is a very dominant position," she said. "You need to be quite strong and you also have to be able to shout at people. In fact, I enjoy shouting at people." The New Zealanders have been warned.

**ENGLAND:** G. Gibson (Goalkeeper), H. Schofield (Manchester, captain), K. Lingford (Manchester), N. Cooney (Newcastle), J. Whitaker (Loughborough), J. Mulrony (Newcastle), L. Hudson (Essex), A. Hewitt (Hertfordshire), N. Darby (Essex), H. Lord (Loughborough), A. Agbema (Birmingham), S. Stewart (Bedfordshire)

## SPEEDWAY

### Anonymous sponsor may save Stoke

BY TONY HOARE

STOKE speedway could make a dramatic return to the Premier League this morning, just four days after withdrawing. The British Speedway Promoters' Association (BSPA) accepted the struggling club's withdrawal on Thursday morning when a rescue bid collapsed, and Stoke looked destined to become the first club in six years not to finish a season.

Dave Tatum, a former promoter at Stoke, and John Woolridge, the team manager, who headed the initial bid to save the club, announced over the weekend that an anonymous sponsor had stepped forward.

It is understood the BSPA had allowed the club until midday today to reverse their decision to withdraw and that Tatum would make an eleven-hour attempt to keep Stoke in business.

Woolridge said the money would be lodged with the BSPA today, but was sticking by the benefactor's wish to remain anonymous. "The man concerned is in speedway and has invested a lot of money in the sport, but doesn't want his name mentioned," Woolridge said. "I wish I could name him so the public could see there are some genuine people in speedway, but it is his decision. We have a venue here at Stoke, and I am going all out to keep it there."

Woolridge, who has money invested in the club, would be the promoter should the club be saved. Stoke first hit trouble when Steve Rees, a stock-car racing promoter who took over the club at the start of the season, pulled out of Loomer Road claiming extra investment in the team had not reaped its reward at the turnstiles.

Now the sponsor's intervention could have set up a seventh change of ownership in five years. Should the BSPA refuse to reverse the club's withdrawal, Stoke will become the first team not to fulfil their fixtures since the closure of Milton Keynes and Mildenhall in 1992.

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England call back Hoolioake to provide aggression

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A NATION impatient for a hero has waited restlessly for the relaunch of Ben Hoolioake's Test match career and there has never been a more propitious moment. Hoolioake, 20, briefly and half-heartedly introduced to the biggest stage almost a year ago, has been brought back in the wake of England's latest capitulation and, this time, he must be given time and trust. Hoolioake is the most arresting name within the 13-strong party named yesterday for the pivotal third Test against South Africa, starting at Old Trafford on Thursday. It contains elements of confusion, pragmatism and perhaps even prejudice. Its dominant feature is an ambition to counter-attack. The inclusion of Nick Knight, who will be Michael Atherton's fourth opening partner in as many Tests, will cause widespread head-scratching and, in South Wales, righteous anger. Knight profits from the unexpected failure of Mark Butcher to recover from a thumb injury but Steve James, who replaced Butcher at Lord's, is summarily dismissed. Darren Gough is back for his first Test match bowl in a year but Dean Headley retains his place in the squad despite there being compelling cases for at least three alternative seam bowlers. If this was as a result of staunch support from within the side, the opposite may be true in the case of Philip Tufnell, to whom Ashley Giles is preferred for the second spin-bowling position.

debut against Australia in May last year. The question has been when best to promote him to the arena in which technical failings are ruthlessly exposed. His first cap, at Trent Bridge last August, came out of desperation, after two massive Australian wins. He was not disgraced but neither did he look quite ready and the decision to send him on tour with the A team, instead of to the Caribbean, paid dividends in the form of two responsible centuries and some bristling new-ball bowling. He has not sparked for Surrey this summer but the selectors have rightly chosen to ignore this. "We've often been accused of delaying the introduction of talented youngsters but we feel the time is right," Graveney said. Hoolioake's principal job will be as a No 7 batsman but he will also be expected to bowl some brisk overs in support of Gough, Dominic Cork and Angus Fraser. "Our three best bowlers", as Graveney calls them. But they have played together only five times and on two of these occasions either rain or injury prevented them bowling as a team. Gough has missed only one match after breaking a finger at Edgbaston and his return lifts the team even before he has bowled a ball. "He is the talisman," said Graveney, who made a difficult phone call to James, early yesterday, for how do you adequately explain to a man who has waited so long for a Test cap that, against all convention, he is being jettisoned after a single game? James was expecting to make way for Butcher's return but not for the substitution of Knight. Graveney explains it, reasonably enough, on the grounds that a left-hander is deemed disruptive to the South Africa bowlers, but then why was the right-handed James preferred at Lord's? The present selection panel has generally been clear of thought and purpose, but not on this issue. On the subject of spin bowlers, they can only be accused of pragmatism. Tufnell has always had the unfortunate ability to aggravate and alienate. In the Caribbean last winter, he also fell into distressingly negative habits with the ball; the combination of two such deter-



Ben Hoolioake celebrates the capture of his first Test wicket at Trent Bridge last year

ments has led to Giles, 25, carrying his first Test selection. Giles will play only if the weather improves and the Old Trafford pitch dries markedly in the next few days. Otherwise, he and Headley will probably stand down. Graveney, however, is intent on keeping all 13 available until the morning of the match, which will not be popular with the counties.

Rejected James responds with polished century

By SIMON WILDE

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 321 runs to beat Glamorgan. Few batsmen can have looked more gloomy about scoring a century than Steve James yesterday. His practical reaction to being rejected by the England selectors had been the classic one of restating his credentials immediately, but emotionally he was less defiant as he appeared to acknowledge the inadequacy of those credentials. The banter James exchanges with Michael Atherton, a friend from Cambridge days, with whom he opened the batting in the Lord's Test match last week, testifies to a lighter side to his character but it was a side that the consolation fiasco from Atherton that awaited James when he arrived at Trent Bridge yesterday probably failed to uncover. By then, James had taken a telephone call from David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, telling him that he had been dropped after just one match because England wanted one of their openers at Old Trafford later this week to be a left-hander. If policy dictates that there is to be only one right-hander, James knows he is unlikely to displace Atherton. "David Graveney told me that me that I am still in the frame, but they always say that don't they?" said James, who must now suspect that he is destined to be a member of the sombre "one-Test wonders" club. James's resignation — doubtless partly inspired by his failure to make the most of his first England game — was apparent in everything except his batting, in which he was his usual positive self. He left alone the numerous difficult balls he received during a morning session in which the ball moved about markedly, and put away the bad ones. He also cashed in on two lives during his 3½-hour stay. He was dropped on 62 and 75, first by Read at the wicket and then by Archer in the slips, both times off the deserving Tolley. Soon after lunch, James had efficiently moved from 87 to his third hundred of the season, in which he has now scored 864 runs, all with a right-handed stance. "I had some luck," he said, with the air of a man who had found a guinea on the way to the scaffold. The second-best innings for Glamorgan was played by Croft, who confirmed his enhanced batting status this season with an unbeaten 63. As conditions eased, he shared a lively stand of 73 with Thomas before Maynard declared at 351 for eight. With Nottinghamshire batting only briefly, and Glamorgan forfeiting their second innings, it was agreed that Nottinghamshire will chase 321 today.

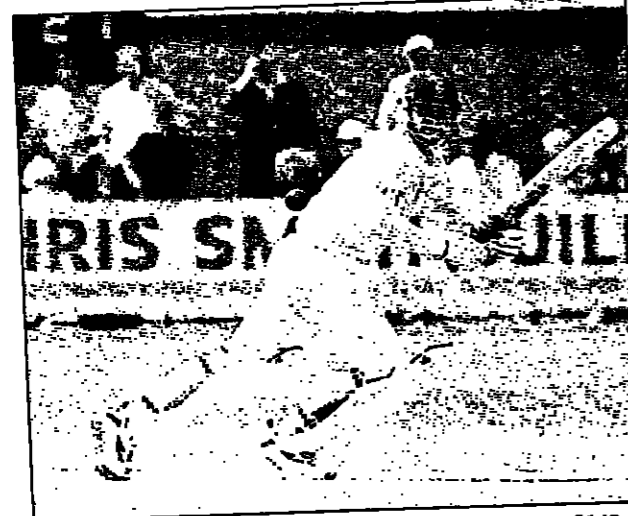
Stewart scare adds to Surrey's worries

By PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Surrey by one run. IT WAS obvious that something had gone horribly wrong for Surrey before this Axa League game, even starting. Men in blazers were scurrying around with worried frowns suggesting that the injury Alec Stewart had suffered in fielding practice was more serious than anyone was admitting. But no, it was far more important than that. The sound system that blasts out the music that accompanies the batsmen to the crease at the Oval had broken down and all the time the players had spent choosing suitable themes had gone to waste. Not that it mattered very much. It is doubtful whether any of them would have come up with a dirge in keeping with the spectacle which was dreary in the extreme until Ben Hoolioake produced a fanfare in celebration of his England recall. While Stewart was insisting that the twisted ankle that kept him out of this match would not be a problem as far as the Test is concerned, Hoolioake was showing that he, too, can fulfil the selectors' requirements by going in at 52 for four and playing with more freedom than anyone else had done to make 40 off 42 balls. It was still not enough to save Surrey from their seventh defeat in eight league games, which keeps them anchored at the foot of the table, as a flurry of run-outs at the end left them two runs short of their target of 181. Worcestershire had struggled throughout the course of their innings on a pitch of irregular pace and bounce. Even Hick was restricted to one four off the 57 balls he received, there were only five boundaries in the innings, and extras of 37 provided the highest contribution.

Klusener underlines depth in ominous fashion

By RICHARD HOBSON



Klusener clips a ball to leg during his innings of 142

NORTHAMPTON (South Africans won toss): South Africans beat Northamptonshire by 98 runs (D/L method). SOUTH AFRICA will arrive at Old Trafford for practice ahead of the third Cornhill Test today in the confident and expectant mood in which they left Lord's eight days ago. A minor shoulder problem afflicting Adam Bacher, the opening batsman, has done nothing to stem the rising confidence within a squad that has imposed its ability, will and desire upon the series. Bacher, hurt while fielding in the second Test, missed what amounted to a public net

against the British Universities last week and was absent again in an emphatic one-day win at Wantage Road. He is expected to recover by Thursday, but, in his stead yesterday, Lance Klusener moved up the order to prime effect, scoring 142 from 132 balls with 19 fours in a total of 275 for three. While England attempt to stiffen their own lower order, it is ominous to remember that Klusener is unlikely to go in higher than No 9 in Manchester. Northamptonshire, allowing far too much width, led his favourite leg-side strokes in the early overs and, once his eye was set

Klusener batted with equal aplomb through the covers. He added 185 in 26 overs with Cronje, who drove the final ball of the innings to long-on having struck two sixes in his 77. The second, pulled against Devon Malcolm, might have given the captain particular pleasure, given the way Malcolm scythed through South Africa at the Oval four years ago. Malcolm also dropped Cronje off Curran on 16. The tempo had been set by Kirsten and Klusener during a stand of 75. Sales produced an acrobatic one-handed catch running round from deep mid-wicket to account

for Kirsten, and Kallis. His feet leaped, edged Penberthy to Warren. However, by the time a heavy shower forced the game to be redefined as a 45-over affair, South Africa were clearly on the way towards a winning score. Messrs Duckworth and Lewis seemed to be enjoying a cruel joke in extending the target from 276 to 287. Only when Warren and Bailey were adding 81 for the first wicket did Northamptonshire threaten to mount a serious challenge. Ntini ran out Bailey with a direct hit from mid-on and had Loye caught with his first ball when Warren fell for 81, made from 128 balls, when he attempted to sweep Adams.

THE WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARDS

Tour match

Northamptonshire v South Africa

NORTHAMPTON (South Africans won toss): South Africans beat Northamptonshire by 98 runs (D/L method). SOUTH AFRICA: 275 (Klusener 142, Cronje 77, Ntini 77, Warren 81, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: 185 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTERSHIRE (third day of four): Sussex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 233 runs behind Leicestershire. LEICESTERSHIRE: 233 (Klusener 142, Cronje 77, Ntini 77, Warren 81, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). SUSSEX: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Middlesex v Essex

MIDDLESEX: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). ESSEX: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). GLAMORGAN: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Warwickshire v Lancashire

WARWICKSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). LANCASHIRE: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Essex

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Leicestershire v Middlesex

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Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Surrey

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). SURREY: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Warwickshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). WARWICKSHIRE: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Wiltshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). WILTSHIRE: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Gloucestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). GLoucestershire: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Devon

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). DEVON: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Cornwall

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). CORNWALL: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

Leicestershire v Somerset

LEICESTERSHIRE: 241 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16). SOMERSET: 100 (Warren 77, Bailey 81, Loye 81, Adams 81, Curran 16).

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CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE OPENER MARKS ENGLAND CALL-UP WITH CAREER-BEST SCORE

# Shining Knight celebrates selection

By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (third day of four, Warwickshire won toss) Warwickshire have scored 374 for five wickets against Lancashire

IF THERE were any doubts as to the wisdom of Nick Knight's selection for the England party for the Old Trafford Test match, they were put to flight yesterday. These were not the most testing of conditions, but he could not have done much more than score his third championship century of the season, going on to make a career-best 192, during 6½ hours at the crease.

Denied, yet again, through injury, the services of their captain, Wasim Akram, Lancashire nonetheless fielded a useful attack — Martin, Chapple, Watkinson and Austin among them — yet Knight's bat was rarely passed, his demeanour seldom straying from the unruffled as he took advantage of an easy-paced pitch. Even the running out of Brian Lara, hungry for runs after a spell of three ducks in four innings, did not divert Knight.

Single-minded, yet playing very much in the best interests of his team, the Warwickshire left-hander paced himself admirably. His first fifty, scored during a partnership of 105 for the first wicket with the promising Michael Powell, came from 112 balls; the next half-century from 70 balls; the third from 79, by which time he had hit 15 fours.

His domination of the scoring was so complete that apart

from Powell, who had matched him run for run, nobody else came near to building a sizeable score until Brown's swashbuckling innings at the end.

Powell survived a chance to short leg when he had made 18, but moved on serenely until Chapple had him caught behind the stumps by John Crawley, who was deputising as both captain for Wasim and wicketkeeper for Warren Hegg, the victim of a bruised thumb.

Chapple also accounted for David Hemp whose middle stump was dislodged, and then came Lara. The little West Indian hit two trademark fours off Watkinson and the crowd settled back to enjoy it all. Knight, though, had just reached his century and Lara was a quarter of the way there when he went for a run. Knight did not, and Lloyd's direct hit from cover left no doubt.

Once past 150, Knight cut loose. His final 42 runs came from 46 balls and he added six further boundaries to his tally before he was well caught by Jamie Haynes, substituting for Fairbrother, attempting another big hit. Haynes made a lot of ground from long-on before going full length to take the ball just before it hit the ground.

Now that this had become a two-day match, one imagines that Lara will declare first thing today, that a deal on forfeitures will be done and Lancashire will go for the 375 they need to win — weather permitting, of course.



Knight drives elegantly through the off side as he puts the Lancashire attack to the sword at Edgbaston yesterday

## Defiant Lewis keeps Sussex at bay

By JOHN STERN

LEICESTER (third day of four): Sussex, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 233 runs behind Lancashire

WHEN James Kirtley was ripping through Leicestershire's top order yesterday morning, there was a chance that this game might be settled without recourse to captains' contrivances.

Sussex's collapse in the evening, when they lost four

wickets for 43, also offered the slim possibility of a normal conclusion but the most likely scenario will involve arranged declarations. Two of the Sussex wickets were taken by David Mills, the strong Leicestershire seamer who is playing his first game for two months after a debilitating viral infection.

In between these two flurries, though, was a seventh-wicket partnership of 93 between Chris Lewis, Leicestershire's acting captain, and Paul Nixon. Lewis took advantage of the ageing ball and played some excellent drives in his 63, off 88 balls which included ten fours.

He was undone by a short delivery from Paul Jarvis, that he wanted to hook, and he top-

edged the ball back to the bowler. Nixon was five short of his half-century when he managed to dislodge his off ball setting off for a run.

In the morning session, Kirtley bowled briskly and straight, taking the first three wickets of the day. The pick was a superb ball that seamed away and had Smith caught behind. He eventually finished with his second five-wicket haul of the season.

## Byrne and Thompson lift gloom

By THRASY PETROPOULOS

CANTERBURY (second day of three, Oxford University won toss) Oxford University, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs behind Kent

THERE was an air of unreality at the St Lawrence Ground yesterday. Much of the afternoon was lost to steady drizzle but play resumed less than an hour before the close under the bluest of skies. To complete the improbable scene the Kent bowlers were Jason de la Pena and Julian Barton de Courty Thompson.

Kent's eagerness to make up for lost time had left Oxford University in a position of dominance overnight. The balance was redressed by half-centuries from Simon Willis and Thompson.

Thompson, returning after injury, was very severe on Byron Byrne's off spin, twice driving inside the line. He added a six over long-off before bringing up his fifty with his eighth boundary.

A sharp new-ball spell by Ben Phillips reduced the students to 36 for three with Molins and Wagh both beaten for pace. Though Fulton was run out after the rain break by a direct hit from Fleming, Byrne led a recovery with a gutsy innings which included a pulled six off Thompson.

To add to the sobriety of the mood the county flags were at half-mast for Arthur Phebe, who died on Saturday aged 73. Phebe played 320 matches for Kent between 1946 and 1961.

## Like father like son for Imraan

By RUPERT COX

HEADINGLEY (second day of three, Yorkshire won toss) Cambridge University have scored 331 for seven wickets against Yorkshire

WITH all eyes focused upon Darren Gough, as he sought to prove his fitness before the Old Trafford Test match, Imraan Mohammad, the 21-year-old son of Sadiq Mohammad, the former Pakistan Test cricketer, stole the limelight with a composed maiden first-class century.

With the first day lost to rain, it should allow Cambridge University to set Yorkshire their total today.

On a slow pitch, the visitors' innings was one of steady acceleration, becalmed initially, as Gough bounded in with his customary zest, but given substance once Anurag Singh, Will House and Greg Loveridge feasted heartily on the platform laid by Imraan.

His century emulated his father's 107 for Gloucestershire, on this ground, in 1976, the same year of the Light Blues' last century — Paul Parker — against Yorkshire. In addition, his chanceless 136, from 206 balls with 13 fours, was Cambridge's first hundred of the season.

Gough professed to be satisfied that his finger can withstand the rigours of Test cricket, and that the slight soreness he encountered yesterday was only to be expected. He will bat with extra protection on his right hand, but his only concern centres on how the finger will react to catching.

## White takes full advantage

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TAUNTON (third day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 119 runs behind Somerset

AFTER the first day was washed away and the second was partially lost to rain, this match has struggled to acquire a definite shape. Somerset carried their score from 245 for four to 380 all out yesterday morning, before Hampshire replied with some cheap runs against some very poor bowling.

White, opening for Hampshire, made his first county championship hundred of the season and was jolly excited about it, waving his bat at his team-mates. He shared century stands with Stephenson and Whitaker, who both made half-centuries against a bowl-

ing attack that lacked discipline.

The cricket in the first session lacked distinction. Of six wickets to fall, five were to catches in the deep and the other man, Pierson, was caught behind. The pony-tailed Morris, previously of Yorkshire and making his debut for Hampshire, took two of them as he conceded 47 in eight erratic overs.

One catch was very good and one was remarkable. McLean held both. The first remarkable one came when he ran round the boundary at long leg, leapt just inside the rope and held on with both hands when Turner hooked Mascarenhas. It was athletic and he made it look a doddle.

as though he was doing a spot of berry-picking.

Bowler had gone by then, having completed his first championship hundred for exactly two years. The captain was fortunate to make it being dropped by Aymes on 99 the ball before he put Stephenson away for the runs that brought him relief.

Stephenson will reckon he should have had a hundred of his own. He needed 89 balls for his fifty, of which 46 came in boundaries, including an on-driven six off Pierson, and it was a sad man who wandered off after nicking a drive at Parsons. There are many better ways to go. For a chance of victory the captains will have to collude this morning. The cricket in the first session may not be pretty.

## Middlesex choose easy option

By JOHN THICKNESSE

SOUTHGATE (third day of four): Middlesex have a first-innings lead of 337 runs over Essex

AS FAR as most spectators were concerned, the events at Southgate yesterday constituted agreeable enough entertainment as Mike Gatting duly rounded off his tenth double hundred, and after nearly nine hours in the field, Essex replied to Middlesex's 488 for two by declaring at 151 for three before the close of play.

Whether the crowd would have watched as contentedly had they known that the

shape of the day was arranged between the teams before Essex started batting was debatable, however.

For Middlesex thought so little of their chance of winning by orthodox means — that is, by bowling Essex out twice after forcing them to follow on — that it was agreed that Essex should be left within a run or two of 340 to win today after Mark Ramprakash had forfeited Middlesex's second innings.

On such a true pitch Middlesex would have had to expend huge physical effort

into taking 20 wickets. Similarly, to avoid the follow-on, Essex's top order would have had to build its innings with care and patience. Far easier to save effort batting and bowling, so the thinking went, by setting up a facile run chase.

Gatting, 180 not out overnight, surged past 200 by hitting 15 off an over by Irani. When he drilled Danny Law chest high at mid-off an hour later, he had been in 520 minutes, hitting 30 fours.

Pleasant as the rest of the play was at face value, the hidden agenda made it a charade.



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known, and an extra player from each of those countries will be available to you, so you need to consider your options.

place in Cesare Maldini's starting line-up in the grand manner, and his deciding goal against Norway on Saturday only added to his growing reputation.

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**GERMANY v MEXICO**  
LIVE COMMENTARY ON TALK RADIO FROM 8.30pm WITH TONY LOCKWOOD & LOU MACARI

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3. When did England travel to Mexico as champions?  
a) 1970 b) 1974 c) 1986

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**EUSEBIO 10**  
**SOCRATES 21**  
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**MORE VAUXHALL TEAM CHECK NUMBERS WILL BE BROADCAST ON MONDAY**





Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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**ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

THE British statistical week will be something of a sideshow for financial markets this week with a meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee today and tomorrow and a mass of economic data due from the Far East.

Today, Britain publishes consumer credit figures, mortgage lending and M0 narrow money supply. On Wednesday, the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply provides its snapshot of manufacturing in June, followed by its look at service industries on Friday. On Thursday, the Confederation of British Industry publishes its latest distributive trades survey which will be closely analysed for any further evidence of a slowdown in domestic demand.

Key figures from America this week include a purchasing managers' survey on Wednesday and the latest unemployment and earnings data on Thursday.

From Asia, today sees trade figures from Korea and the latest Tankan economic survey from Japan. Tomorrow, Japan releases its latest unemployment figures and Thailand publishes trade figures and manufacturing output. More Korean trade statistics are published on Wednesday as well as car sales figures from Japan. All these will be examined by the markets in an attempt to judge the severity of the economic downturn developing in Asia.

JANET BUSH

**RESULTS AND STATISTICS**

**TODAY**

Interim: Shell, General Lant, Minspart Systems, Richards, Plowest, Pira, Pira, Newly opened, Librasco, Tadi, Economy, UK retailing (May/June), provincial M0.

**TOMORROW**

Interim: None scheduled. Final: Brierley, Greene King, Homewood, Huddersfield, M&A, Niburn, Peel Holdings, Pharmigam International, TGI, Whitbread. Economy: F&C housing sector survey for May.

**WEDNESDAY**

Interim: None scheduled. Final: Merton Thompson & Edwards, Economy: C&S manufacturing sector survey (June).

**THURSDAY**

Interim: None scheduled. Final: HP Bulmer, GEC, Jurey Hold Group, Economy: Official reserves (June), C&I distribution trade survey (June).

**FRIDAY**

Interim: None scheduled.

COMPANIES **MICHAEL CLARK**



**City eyes GEC's global growth**

GENERAL ELECTRIC: Solid performances from Marconi, its defence electronics business, and the US industrial side should have helped the group achieve a modest improvement in profits when full year results are announced on Thursday.

At the pre-tax level, profits are expected to come in at around £1.05 billion compared with £1.01 billion the previous year while earnings are set to grow by around 3 per cent to 24.2p a share.

According to BT Alex Brown, the broker, GEC will also take the opportunity to unveil details of a joint venture with Italy's Alenia. This will create a defence operation based in The Netherlands specialising in missiles, naval systems, radar and command and control systems with estimated annual sales of more than \$2 billion (£1.3 billion).

Completion of the \$1.4 billion Tracor acquisition - GEC's first purchase under the strategy of dual US/European expansion outlined by Lord Simpson of Dunkeld, the managing director - is eagerly awaited. The deal makes GEC the fifth biggest defence electronics supplier in America with annual sales of \$4 billion.

Last week GEC finally resolved the ownership structure of GPT, its telecoms arm. It paid Siemens £700 million for the outstanding 40 per cent stake having previously discussed the possibility of disposing of the business.

The payout is likely to grow 5 per cent to 13.85p.

**MFI FURNITURE:** Shares in the furniture retailer have been bumping along the bottom despite persistent speculation that the company may soon find itself the target of a bid. Brokers will need plenty of re-assurance about future prospects when the company publishes full year results tomorrow.

The profits warning in March indicated that sales had failed to live up to expectations with customers forced to cope with higher mortgage repayments.

Sales in the 16 weeks to March 1, were just 2 per cent

higher. This was against low comparatives and proved especially disappointing after considering that sales in the first three weeks of the sale period were on budget.

As a result, brokers were forced to downgrade their numbers. They now forecast profits of between £60 million and £65 million, against earlier expectations of £80 million. That compares with £70.3 million last time. Earnings are also expected to decline 1p to 7.2p a share.

The dramatic drop off in sales also masks substantial improvements in MFI's fledgling businesses such as Howden and its operation in France. Margins will have come under pressure in the face of higher promotional and distribution costs.

There should be scope for a small improvement in the

payout with brokers looking for 5p against 4.8p last time.

**GREENE KING:** In a sector that is increasingly splitting into winners and losers, Greene King appears to be establishing itself among the winners.

The £200 million acquisition of the Magic Pub Company two years ago continues to drive the business, with



Transatlantic tactician: Lord Simpson is the architect of GEC's expansion strategy

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Sunday Times: Buy Flextech; Sell HP Bulmer. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Southern Electric; Independent on Sunday: Buy British Airways. The Observer: Buy LucasVarity.

**MARSTON, THOMPSON & EVERSLED:** Big things are expected of the new management although it is unlikely their magic touch will be evident in full year results due out on Wednesday.

Brokers are forecasting pre-tax profits of between £30 million and £31 million compared with £29.4 million last time. Earnings are likely to have declined to 24.5p a share from 29p as the tax rate starts to grow following several years of artificially low charges.

Solid performances are envisaged from the Picher and Piano pub chain and Via Vita, where the remaining minority was acquired last year.

Brokers are forecasting growth of around 150 per cent at P&P, while overall retail profits are set to grow 16 per cent.

It now looks as if the problems related to the pace of P&P's new opening schedule have been resolved, but the tenants will report a profit decline following disposals.

The brewing side should have achieved a strong recovery under its lead brand Pedigree. This will be in stark contrast to the rest of the brewing industry where volumes are down between 10 per cent and 15 per cent. The dividend is likely to be raised 10 per cent to almost 9p.

**HP BULMER:** The cider-maker said in February that pre-tax profits for the year to April would be around 25 per cent below last year's £30.1 million. It expected the dividend to be "at least maintained" at 9.62p a share.

The company said this in the light of recent difficult trading conditions in the UK off trade.

It added that the actual level of the final dividend will be determined in the light of the results for the year as a whole, together with the market prospects as the company sees them at that time.

Panmure Gordon's Philip Shaw is forecasting pre-tax profits of £21 million when the group reports on Thursday, with earnings 10.4p lower at 24.9p a share.

**KPMG plans restructuring to fend off rivals**

By ROBERT BRUCE

KPMG, the accountancy firm, will today announce an important restructuring as it prepares to do battle with the newly merged Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand.

Colin Sharman, international chairman of KPMG, has ordered the firm to radically reshape in the wake of the failure of its own proposed merger with Ernst & Young.

KPMG was severely wrong-footed late last year when E&Y walked away from merger talks and was stung by criticism of its apparent lack of global cohesion. With the PW and Coopers merger set to become effective on Wednesday, KPMG hopes the restructuring will address many of these criticisms.

Under Mr Sharman the firm has set up an international executive team to pull the global firm together. Paul Reilly, the national managing partner of the US firm's financial services practice, has become chief executive officer.

For the first time the people in command of the international firm will sever their

national responsibilities. "Running a global organisation is a full-time business," Mr Sharman said. "Every member of this team will have the sole responsibility for the development of their designated sector without the distractions of managing national functions."

Earlier this year, when Mr Sharman embarked on his programme of reform, he said that the failure of the merger "has taught us that we cannot go on as we have been."

The aim now is to boost performance in America and to enhance investment in other crucial markets around the world. The shift to a powerful international board running the firm means that executive authority moves away from the individual practices around the world and into the centre.

Mr Sharman said: "Following the merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand the issue is going to be one of focus."

"The big five firms will become more distinguishable."

**Belgo seeks pubs for new bar chain**

By DOMINIC WALSH

BELGO, the quoted mousles et frites restaurant group, is poised to launch a chain of bars. It is looking to acquire pub sites of between 2,000sq ft and 4,000sq ft - about half the size of its restaurants - for conversion to the new Belgo Bar format.

Although the bars will serve food, it will be a limited menu and the emphasis will be on the mind-boggling range of Belgian beers that has made the two London Belgo restaurants a mecca for beer aficionados. A spokesman for Belgo said: "We're planning to do at least one trial. If it works then we'll do some more."

Plans are also afoot for two further restaurants by the end of the year at a cost of around £1.25 million apiece. In

London it is converting a former cinema at Ladbrooke Grove and in Bristol it has secured a Grade II listed former granary store. Both are freehold sites.

The group, which recently moved upmarket with the acquisition of Mogens Tholstrup's three fashionable London eateries for £9.3 million, plans to open between 15 and 20 Belgo restaurants in the UK over the next five years. "We are looking at big cities like Brighton, Oxford, Edinburgh and Dublin," the spokesman said.

Belgo, which was brought to the stock market six months ago, is also developing units in the United States through Apple South, an American restaurant group.

**PizzaExpress to buy Café Pasta**

By DOMINIC WALSH

PIZZAEXPRESS, the high street restaurant chain, is poised to acquire Café Pasta, a privately owned chain of eight London pasta restaurants.

The deal, which could be announced this week, follows the group's recent entry into the pasta market with the launch of its own Pasta di Milano brand, which is

being trialled at three sites. It is not known whether it will retain both brands or combine them into one.

Café Pasta, which was founded about ten years ago by Hugh and Shelly Fowler, has restaurants throughout the capital, including Covent Garden, Kensington, Chiswick and Wimbledon. Its biggest unit is in Regent Street.

The move into pasta has been wel-

comed by analysts as a sensible way of boosting PizzaExpress's growth potential in the UK, where it has more than 160 restaurants. It has been obliged to turn down prime sites that were too close to existing restaurants, but a second brand gives it scope to take them up.

Elsewhere, Groupe Chez Gérard is thought to be eyeing a chain of five restaurants in the West End.

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US dollar 1.6633 (-0.0116)  
German mark 3.0102 (+0.0235)  
Exchange index 107.2 (+0.9)  
Bank of England official close (4pm)

**STOCK MARKET**

FT 30 share 3819.2 (+49.4)  
FTSE 100 5877.4 (+129.3)  
New York Dow Jones 6944.54 (+231.67)  
Tokyo Nikkei Avge 15210.04 (-57.94)

**TOURIST RATES**

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.69	2.65
Austria Sch	22.13	20.47
Belgium Fr	88.03	80.13
Canada \$	2.683	2.375
Cyprus Cyp£	0.922	0.881
Denmark Kr	12.84	11.16
Egypt Pounds	5.87	5.58
Finland Mk	5.69	5.53
France Fr	10.54	9.78
Germany DM	3.17	2.92
Greece Dr	533	494
Hong Kong \$	13.72	12.52
Iceland	191	111
Ireland P	1.25	1.18
Israel Shk	6.48	5.83
Italy Lit	21.85	20.88
Japan Yen	251.44	233.31
Malta	0.699	0.627
Netherlands Gld	3.574	3.279
New Zealand \$	3.39	3.15
Norway Kr	13.33	12.41
Portugal Esc	218.81	207.88
S Africa Rd	10.10	9.14
Spain Pta	206.14	247.38
Sweden Kr	14.03	13.58
Switzerland Fr	2.98	2.48
Turkey Lira	443.07	423.89
USA \$	1.770	1.627

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£25,000+	4.39	4.45
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<b>Premium Business Account</b>		
£5,000+	5.18	5.30
£25,000+	5.61	5.75
£100,000+	5.85	6.00
£250,000+	6.13	6.30
<b>Clients Premium Deposit Account</b>		
£25,000+	5.19	5.25
£100,000+	5.63	5.70
<b>Education Account</b>		
Up to £25,000	5.08	5.20
£25,000+	5.56	5.70
<b>Treasurer Account</b>		
Up to £2,000	1.49	1.50
£2,000+	2.72	2.75
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**THE FACTS**

Turnover: £49 billion  
 Net profit at replacement cost: £2.8 billion  
 Net assets: £14 billion  
 Oil production: 1.25 million barrels per day  
 Gas production: 1.66 billion cubic feet per day  
 Employees: 56,450

**THE BOARD**

The chairman of BP is Peter Sutherland, 51, former director-general of the World Trade Organisation, who succeeded Lord Simon of Highbury in May 1997 upon Lord Simon's appointment as Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry responsible for trade and competitiveness in Europe. Mr Sutherland is chairman of Goldman Sachs International and a non-executive director of ABB and LVM Ericsson.

BP's chief executive is Sir John Browne, 49, knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He is a non-executive director of Intel and SmithKline Beecham and is on the advisory board of Daimler-Benz.

John Buchanan, finance director, is a non-executive director of Boots, and Rodney Chase, deputy group chief executive, is a non-executive director of BOC. Chris Gibson Smith is in charge of regional management, Dick Oliver oversees exploration and production, and Bryan Sanderson runs BP's chemicals business.

Non-executive directors include Sir James Glover, 68, chairman of Royal Ammunitions International and Merlin Communications International and former commander-in-chief of UK Land Forces. Karen Horn is senior managing director of Bankers Trust and a director of Eli Lilly, Rubbarmaid and TRW. Michael Miles is a director of John Swire & Sons, ING Barings, Johnson Matthey and BICC.

Sir Robin Nicholson is chairman of Pilkington Optronics and a director of Rolls-Royce. Sir Ian Prosser is chairman of Bess and a non-executive director of Lloyds TSB.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, former BAT chairman, is chairman of Marlborough Underwriting and a director of Celtic. Lord Wright of Richmond, a former head of the Diplomatic Service, is a non-executive director of De La Rue.

BP RECENTLY took 80 oil industry analysts to Alaska for a programme of lectures on one of BP's core oil provinces. For an industry hit by a huge fall in its main commodity's price, the trip sounds like extravagance.

However, BP is at a crossroads and must convince a cynical world that it is not about to be crucified by a \$13 oil price. Sir John Browne, chief executive, has to convince the City that he can raise performance when all economic indicators are pointing south.

BP entered Alaska in the early 1960s, seeking an alternative to the Middle East, the traditional home turf of the company. However, Alaska's Prudhoe Bay has been in decline and BP is anxious to convince the City that new technology can halve the fall in production.

Getting more from its existing portfolio is central to BP's strategy. The company announced that a field in the new deep-water province west of the Shetlands was to be postponed — in part because of uncertainty over the Government's oil taxation plans, but also because of costs and weak prices.

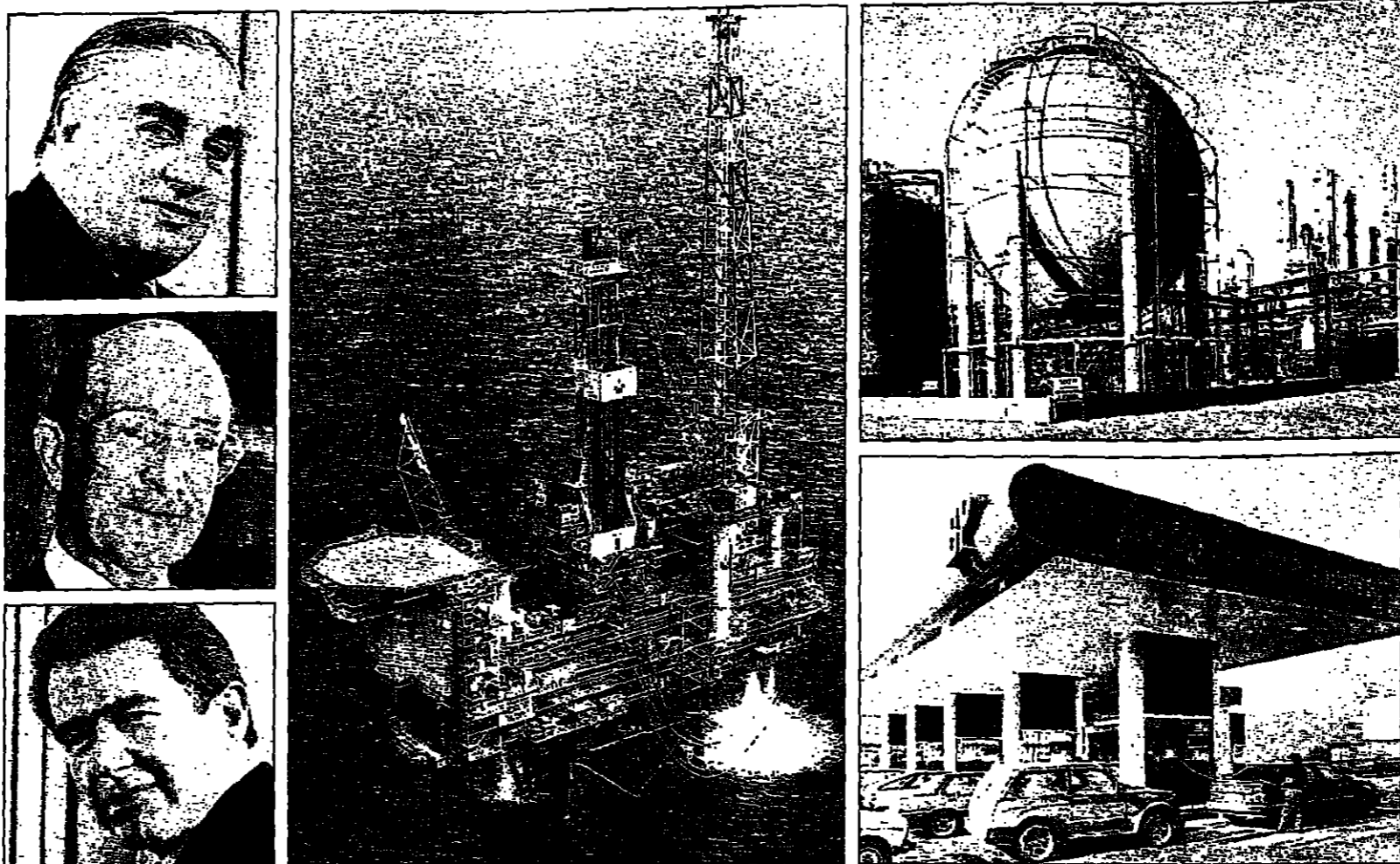
BP claims never to have joined in the hoopla over the Atlantic margin discoveries, which now appear to have been heavily overplayed. Sir John said: "It's good, but not gigantic." Technical problems bedevilled its Foinaven field, but the real issues in developing Atlantic oilfields are margin and low oil prices.

The technological problems are surmountable, but the prize must be bigger. Sir John said: "Costs per barrel depend on flow rates per well, and floating production systems have turned out to be more expensive than imagined."

BP is probably oil's leading cost-cutter, but it began from a low base. Rash investment in the 1980s and a bloated head office sent the group into loss in 1992. However, the subsequent recovery was not to take place without boardroom bloodshed.

The slimming down was initiated by Robert Horton, but his abrasive style displeased BP's service management. A boardroom coup put a canny diplomat in the chief executive's seat, in the form of Lord Simon of Highbury, and Peter Sutherland became chairman. Lord Simon, with Sir John, then head of exploration, took an axe to the upstream pay-

**CORPORATE PROFILE: BP**



Portfolio plan: clockwise from bottom left, Sir John Browne, Lord Simon of Highbury, Peter Sutherland; offshore operations have been overshadowed by tax fears and cost cutting measures have been necessary in Scotland at BP's Grangemouth refinery, while the group sees Russia as a long-term play

The pair set BP simple but ambitious targets on debt reduction, profitability and capital spending. The strategy worked faster than its architects could have hoped. BP profits almost tripled in four years to nearly £3 billion and net debt has halved. Lord Simon won a peerage and ministerial office. Sir John's reward was to succeed him in the top job, but he inherited a hard task.

In 1997 Sir John was paid a basic (pensionable) salary of £550,000. His annual bonus and an imputed additional £91,000 from pre-1991 and SAYE share options brought this up to almost £1.02 million.

The main current incentive scheme is the long-term performance plan (LTPP), calculated over three-year rolling periods. The criteria for awarding shares are demanding (and unusually well explained in the annual report).

As a result, gains from the scheme cannot be regarded as pure "pay". Crisp Consulting approves of this scheme and would have awarded a maximum mark if the number of non-executive directors (eight) had not been slightly excessive. Sir John's goal is to add a

further \$2 billion of net income to the revenue account by 2002. More than half of that will come from the upstream business, based on an annual 5 per cent rise in oil and gas production. BP says that costs are still heading down. However, it needs

growth in revenue and market share to reach its targets. The chief executive's job in the first half of the 1990s was mainly about throwing ballast overboard before the balloon hit the ground. BP is at a comfortable altitude now. For return on capital, the group has moved from bottom to top quartile in industry rankings. Keeping it there and improving its showing is Sir John's challenge. It requires imagination and ability to resist temptation, but dubious opportunities to expand.

Sir John sees more scope in alliances than mergers. BP launched a ground-breaking alliance with Mobil in Europe, merging downstream petrol and lubricant activities into a venture in which each side let the dominant brand take precedence — BP in petrol and Mobil in motor oil. Last year, BP took 10 per cent of Sidanco, a Siberian oil company with

vast gas reserves, which BP sees as a long-term play. Sir John is coy on where alliances will emerge, but Asia's financial turmoil should offer opportunities in a region where BP lacks clout.

BP — like its rival, Shell — has become sensitive to criticism of its ethics and its business's environmental effect. Civil unrest and the threat of attacks on its staff in Colombia have forced BP to have a closer relationship than it might like with the Colombian military. BP easily refutes allegations of human rights abuses, but like Shell in Nigeria, finds itself saddled with the role of neo-colonial governor.

Big oil companies are today divided in two camps. One, mainly American, stays wedded to the "burn, baby, burn" school of energy profligacy. Companies such as Exxon ridicule the climate-change lobby, but BP has decided to side

with the angels. The British company makes much of its support for the Kyoto pact on carbon emissions and its own investment in solar energy. Sir John admits that solar is currently a mere lifeboat in a sea of hydrocarbons, but denies that BP's investment is a public relations exercise for a company that needs to sell more and more oil and gas.

Sir John said: "It is in the interest of oil companies for people to buy more and more, not for us to sell more and more." He reckons that this is about consumer choice and, if BP can tighten its own performance, limit its own emissions and provide alternative clean fuels it will succeed with an increasingly fickle consumer.

BP gets 8/10 for ethical expression from Integrity Works. The consultant, which has been a BP adviser, says: "BP spells out in clear terms its business policies, including recognition of changing public expectations on human rights issues. The challenge... is to meet these."

BP has no interest in dumping cheap oil products in a market that hates oil companies. Sir John said: "The reason we are doing this is people will prefer to do business with us." In a sense, this is PR, but it is also marketing. Sir John, like many oilmen, is looking beyond oil and gas. He says BP is in the "energy packaging" business — it just happens that gas and oil are the cheapest packages.

And it could get cheaper. BP and other oil groups are watching Iran, on the verge of opening to Western investors. Its huge reserves could flood markets in a few years' time. BP would love a slice of its old haunt. Although solar cells look good on a fine day, the skies grow darker.

CARL MORTISHED

**WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY**

"Earnings will be down this year and there will be pressure to do things differently, but I don't believe they will run out of ideas. They have the most imaginative management of the majors. I would expect them to see how they can use the current environment to their advantage to do things which could not have been possible when the oil price was higher."

Forgas MacLeod, BT Alex Brown

"BP was a dreadful company in the 1980s; it was second-rate and costs got out of control. During recovery, they benchmarked themselves against the best in the industry, but now they are the best, they have got to benchmark themselves against other industries. There isn't anything that should stop them benchmarking themselves against hi-tech companies and against Coca-Cola or McDonald's."

Alan Marshall, Robert Fleming

**OUR VERDICT**

Ethical expression	8/10
Fat-cat quotient	9/10
Financial record	9/10
Share performance	9/10
Attitude to employees	5/10
Strength of brand	8/10
Innovation	7/10
Annual report	8/10
City star rating	9/10
Future prospects	8/10
<b>Total</b>	<b>78/100</b>

Ethical expression is evaluated by Integrity Works. The fat-cat quotient, in which best boardroom pay-practices scores highest, is provided by Cogn Consulting.

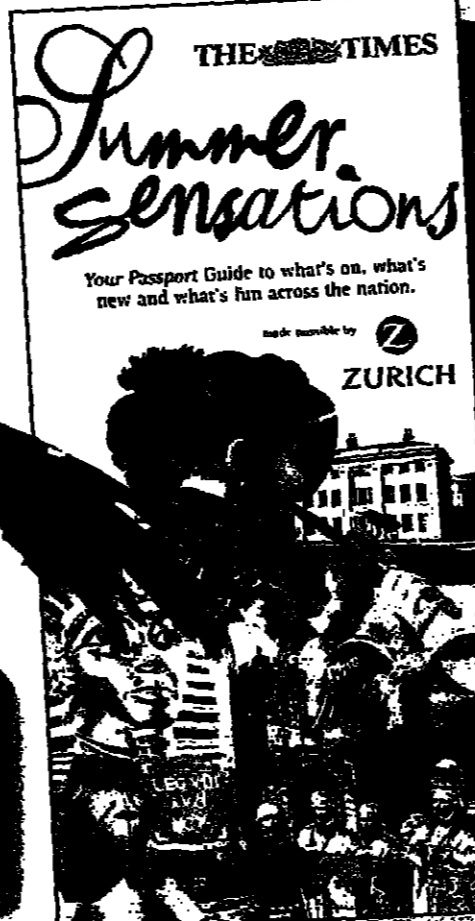
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**CHANGING TIMES**

# Nomura splits pub estate to limit litigation effect

By DOMINIC WALSH

NOMURA INTERNATIONAL is to split its Intrepreneur pub estate in two in an effort to limit the effects of continuing legal action by a band of disgruntled licensees.

The Japanese-owned securities house, which last year paid £1.2 billion for the Intrepreneur estate, is to hive off the 2,600 pubs that are unencumbered by litigation into a separate company worth between £800 million and £900 million.

The new pub company, which has yet to

be given a name, will be run by Giles Thorley, a key figure in Nomura's principal finance unit when it acquired the pubs last September.

All of the pubs have signed up to SupplyLine, which gives retailers access to 21 beer and cider suppliers and other products through a one-stop shop.

Mr Thorley, 31, said he intended to develop SupplyLine by extending its operation, adding: "We intend to create one of the UK's major leisure companies."

Splitting off the 2,600 pubs will leave

Intrepreneur with around 1,400 pubs that have outstanding litigation or have refused to sign up to the new agreements. It also includes those pubs that are free of tie and the 300 or so that have been earmarked for eventual disposal.

Observers believe the move, expected to be completed by the end of August, will make it easier for Nomura to press ahead with plans to refinance the bulk of its pub interests by securitising their cashflow. In recent months, there have been suggestions that the continuing litigation, which ques-

tions the legality of the tie system, posed a threat to Nomura's ability to arrange long-term refinancing. A source close to the company admitted last night: "This will facilitate the securitisation issue."

Martin Moore, head of the licensees' action group, yesterday welcomed the splitting of the Intrepreneur estate as "an obvious and sensible way forward" towards seeking a settlement. He said: "It's a pragmatic move and one hopes that the differences with the malcontents can now be resolved."

But he gave warning that splitting the estate would not prevent licensees in the newly-formed company from belatedly joining the legal action. Nearly 600 rebel landlords are awaiting judgment in a recent High Court action which they hope will lead to damages of up to £450 million.

Mr Moore added: "Everybody who ever signed an Intrepreneur lease - whether they have since signed up to SupplyLine or not - will have the right to seek a slice of that £450 million. If they see the rebels getting paid out, they will want their share."

## Rail chiefs seek to sustain investment

The rail industry yesterday called for more public-private partnerships to sustain the investment momentum which will see £15 billion pumped into the network over the next five years.

The cash injection includes £3 billion for the Channel Tunnel rail link and £2.5 billion for London Underground. David Morphet, director general of The Railway Forum, the rail industry's umbrella body, said: "It is important to sustain the momentum and maintain a supportive climate for rail development, not least through public-private partnerships."

The forum is concerned investment plans for the period 2002-07 were far less developed and called for a stable regulatory and planning framework.

## Stakis opening

Stakis will today make its first foray into Northern Ireland with the opening of the £18.3 million Stakis Park Hotel at Templepatrick, near Belfast.

The four-star hotel has 130 bedrooms, a LivingWell health and fitness club and meetings facilities for up to 400 delegates. It will next year open a £1.5 million championship golf course. The Northern Ireland Tourist Board has contributed £4.3 million to the development, which has created 200 jobs.

## DERA delay

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that no decision had been taken yet on whether to privatise the Defence Evaluation Research Agency (DERA), which runs the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and Porton Down chemical and biological defence laboratory.

## Isis arm's £2.5m

Oxford Molecular Group is to invest £2.5 million in MicroGenics, a new company set up by Isis Innovation, the University of Oxford's technology transfer company, to develop screening systems in the area of antibiotics. Oxford Molecular, itself spun out of Isis in 1989, will emerge with 19.99 per cent of MicroGenics' ordinary shares.

## Licence for PPL

PPL Therapeutics, the biotechnology company that gave the world Dolly the sheep, will today announce that it has won an exclusive licence from the Government-owned Roslin Institute for use of its nuclear transfer technology in genetics. This will boost PPL's work in developing proteins in the milk of animals such as sheep and rabbits that can be used to treat a number of human medical conditions.

# Shell holds fire on \$3bn Peruvian gas development

By MARTIN BARROW

THE future of one of Latin America's biggest investments hangs in the balance as partners Shell and Mobil delay a decision on whether to proceed with the giant Camisea gas development in Peru.

The fate of the project, worth an initial \$3 billion (£1.8 billion), is likely to be determined next month, with the Government of Peru keen to make a formal announcement when President Alberto Fujimori visits London on July 8.

However, both Shell and Mobil believe a decision is unlikely until later next month

and in Lima there is speculation Mobil is minded to withdraw from the project, putting the entire venture at risk.

Camisea is located deep in the Peruvian jungle and development of the vast hydrocarbon reserves must be supported by the construction of a 500-kilometre pipeline across the Andes and a petrochemicals complex.

Initial estimates of 11,000 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 600 million barrels of liquids and condensates make this one of the largest reserves in the world.

In April Shell, which has a 57.5 per cent interest in Camisea, and Mobil, with 42.5 per cent, were granted an extension by Peru and were given until mid-July to reach a joint decision. The oil companies have been working together at Camisea since May 1996, having spent \$250 million on appraisal wells and in establishing an operation base at the remote site.

Shell and Mobil cited technical problems for the delay, including fractures in the bedrock affecting the ratio of saleable liquids.

However, the partners may also be holding out for further tax concessions and incentives. The consortium is already the beneficiary of a law that grants early drawback of Peru's 18 per cent sales tax on all purchases made in the development phase.

The tense approach to the deadline also reflects the consortium's concerns about prospects for a local market.

Natural gas is unknown as a fuel in Peru and only a handful of large industrial customers have signed preliminary contracts for supply and there are no tax incentives to cut their conversion costs. At the same time Peru has given the go-ahead for a number of coal-fired power stations.



Edmund Truell, chief executive, left, and Graham Lee, managing director, will head up HEV under its new name, Duke Street Capital

## HEV wins independence

HEV, the venture capital arm of Hambros, is to be reborn as Duke Street Capital after gaining its independence in the recent sale of its parent to Investec, the South African finance group (Dominic Walsh writes).

Investors in HEV's third - and biggest - private equity fund have taken advantage of a change-of-control

clause to transfer management of the £261 million fund to Duke Street Capital.

Its investments include the former Vardon bingo business and Blue

funds under an agreement with Investec. It has taken its name from its new offices in Dukes Court, in London's St James's.

Mr Truell said the deal, first revealed by *The Times* in May, was "the first UK buyout of a private equity business to be backed entirely by existing investors".

## Sales vow from radio applicants

APPLICANTS for commercial radio licences are pledging continuity of ownership to try to give themselves an edge.

(Raymond Snoddy writes). The Radio Partnership, has written to the Radio Authority, the commercial radio regulator, giving an undertaking that, if successful in its application for the North East England regional licence, it will not sell the franchise for at least five years.

The company, led by Neil Robinson and John Josephs, who built up Metro Radio before it was bought by EMAP, has also undertaken to keep all locally-based management functions within the North East for the same period.

ICE FM, another of the 16 applicants for the North East licence, has offered a self-imposed three-year sale ban.

## GRE sues surveyor for £1.3 million

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the insurer, begins a High Court battle today to recoup some of its multi-million pound losses resulting from property lending in the late 1980s.

The insurer is alleging professional negligence against Ian Donoff, a chartered surveyor from North London, and is demanding £1.3 million plus costs in relation to two valuations he undertook for Guardian.

Mr Donoff is a sole practitioner in Cricklewood, whose professional indemnity cover was withdrawn five years ago. In March 1997 Mr Donoff defeated Guardian in the

Court of Appeal over a technicality in relation to a third property on which the insurer was seeking compensation.

In recent years Guardian has threatened legal action against up to 300 surveyors, valuers and solicitors in connection with its commercial lending between 1988 and 1990, although few of the cases have ever reached court.

The insurer is believed to have sustained heavy losses on its £182 million commercial loan portfolio after the property market fell into recession, despite having received an independent audit in 1987 which criticised its lending policies.

## HIT in talks to buy Abbey

HIT Entertainment, the programme production, animation and merchandising group, is negotiating to buy Abbey Home Entertainment, a children's video label controlled by PolyGram Filmed Entertainment (Raymond Snoddy writes).

HIT, whose children's programmes range from *Kipper the Dog* to *Bramble Hedge*, has long had ambitions to put together an integrated business covering all aspects of children's programming.

Abbey is run by Anne and Ian Miles but is 75 per cent owned by PolyGram which has been considering the possibility of a management buyout.

## End of the road for City tea auctions

By OUR CITY STAFF

ONE of the City of London's oldest institutions, dating back to the days of the tea clippers and merchants' coffee houses, is about to disappear after more than 300 years.

The London tea auction has set the price of tea at its weekly meetings since it was first established in 1679.

But time, in the form of container shipping and trading on the Internet, has caught up with the London auction and the last one will be held today.

Robin Harrison of the Tea Brokers' Association of London said: "London's tea auctions have endured for several hundred years, and

have proved to be an excellent way for the whole industry to establish a fair price which is not an easy task for a product such as tea whose quality varies so widely.

"However, the volume of tea traded in London has been steadily falling for decades due to the introduction of containerised shipping and the development of auctions in the producer countries."

For the past eight years the auctions have been held at the offices of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, but they have been staged at more elegant venues, such as the offices of the East India Company.



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Prudent approach: Sir Peter Davis, the man from the Pru, says the effect of a recession on the New Deal should be addressed by the Government

# Older unemployed set to benefit from the New Deal

Janet Bush speaks to the man charged with leading the Government's task force

The Government's New Deal for the long-term unemployed aged 25 and over is launched today against an increasingly ominous economic background.

Nobody involved in the New Deal, still in the delicate early stages when confidence and enthusiasm need to be nurtured, dares mention the "R" word but recession is being furiously discussed in private.

David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, has said that he doesn't want the New Deal simply to mop up increasing numbers of unemployed if the economy thuds to a hard landing. But cool heads are now having to look at the implications for the New Deal programme of rising unemployment.

Sir Peter Davis, chief executive of Prudential and head of the Government's New Deal Taskforce, laughed uncomfortably when the possibility of recession was raised in an interview with *The Times*.

"Still, he acknowledged that, behind closed doors, he and other members of the Taskforce are trying to per-

suade the Government to plan for an economic downturn.

The man from the Pru is in constant touch with ministers, sandwiching his interview with *The Times* between meetings with Andrew Smith, Employment Minister, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor.

"What the Taskforce can say to ministers is that we have got to think through how this is going to work if unemployment rises. We are telling them that we need systems and processes that are robust in good and bad parts of the economic cycle," he said.

In terms of concrete political commitment, the Government's promise is to help 250,000 young people a year. It is Sir Peter's perception that, even if youth unemployment were to rise, the Government's budget and its target would remain unchanged. The New Deal is less about the total number of young people in

employment or unemployment as helping that hard core group of a quarter of a million people a year," he said.

Observers of the New Deal believe that meeting this target may become very difficult if companies start laying off their established staff. Sir Peter told the recent annual conference of the British Chambers of Commerce that, inevitably, the strength of sterling was making life difficult for exporters and that this meant, in turn, that there were fewer opportunities among some companies to develop new jobs.

Sir Peter suggests that the Government should concentrate on those sectors, such as leisure and tourism, that are not being hurt by the pound. "Let's be flexible. Let's move where the demand is," he said.

Flexibility is the word that crops up again and again as Sir Peter talks about the New Deal. He is happy with the

way that it has been evolving into a bottom-up rather than top-down programme, as business wished, giving increasing discretion to local partnerships running the scheme and focusing on the individual.

Nevertheless, he wants to see more. Personal advisers, who shepherd New Dealers through the initial Gateway period of at least four months of advice and training, should be given discretion to equip each individual, whether it be help with travel or money for an interview suit or the tools of a chosen trade.

Sir Peter emphatically rejects the New Deal as a vehicle for job creation, seeing its prime purpose as getting people ready for jobs, making them employable, to use one of the Government's favourite buzz words.

For this reason, the Gateway, rather than subsidised jobs, is the most crucial part of the New Deal. He professes himself personally sceptical about the principle of subsidising jobs although he believes that this element was probably necessary to attract employers into the scheme.

The latest figures published last week showed that 15,000 employers have now signed up for the New Deal and more than 5,000 youngsters have got jobs since 12 Pathfinder areas pioneered the programme from the beginning of January and the scheme went national at the start of April. This is out of an estimated 118,000 under 25s who were claiming the Jobseeker's Allowance.

From January to April, when only the Pathfinders were up and running, 2,200 went into subsidised jobs, 1,030 into subsidised jobs, 1,030 into subsidised jobs and 1,221 into subsidised jobs.

Many others have taken up the other New Deal options of full-time education or training, work in the voluntary sector or on the Environment Taskforce.

Some of the Government's critics have argued that it was wrong to concentrate the lion's share of the windfall levy on utilities on young people who are arguably more able to find jobs on their own. Tackling hardcore long-term unemployment among the over 25s, they say, could pose a far greater test of the Government's new programmes, particularly if there is a severe economic slowdown.

Sir Peter remains optimistic, hoping that the enthusiasm that has characterised the New Deal for young people can be harnessed for this next, difficult stage. He admits, somewhat shyly, that he thinks that the Government has, so far, done a good job.

"I am very impressed with the energy with which it has tackled the New Deal, the speed at which it has brought it to fruition and the way in which it is listening to business and other groups," he said. "Yes, I am certainly impressed."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

## Re-Generation game show

Meet the Challenge  
BBC1, 10.00am

Plagiarism is an ugly word but this "brand-new" daytime game show is not quite as brand-new as it might appear. The presenter may be Debbie Flint, and not Bruce Forsyth, but there is a more than a hint of *The Generation Game* about getting members of the public to make fools of themselves doing things normally left to experts and having experts mark their efforts. Flint insists that we can all pick up tips, and may even be inspired to do a spot of DIY for ourselves. But this is only incidentally an educational show. Cheerfully facing humiliation this morning are two financial advisers, Bill, a Geordie, and Dawn, a Londoner. Their tasks are to make a stained glass window, to create a 1940s hair-do and to decorate the ceiling of a child's bedroom.



Air Commodore Rex Waite who dreamt up the Berlin Airlift (CA, 9.00pm)

Golding: The End of the Illusion  
Channel 4, 8.00pm

In the second of her reports on the state of the National Health Service, Mary Goldring comes to two conclusions. One is that with too few resources chasing too much demand there is already a system of rationing in place, although the R word is never spoken in government circles. The second is that if we want a better service we will have to pay more for it. Goldring bases her report in Leicestershire. Middle England both geographically and in NHS terms, and discovers that the annual health budget works out at £600 a head. It takes no feat of arithmetic to calculate that if one hernia operation costs £2,000 the allocation is very soon used up. Goldring rejects the charge that the NHS is top-heavy with overpaid managers and says that we, the patients, must lose the notion that there is no limit to what we can get for peanuts.

Secret History: The Berlin Airlift  
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Television documentaries often claim to be more original than they are and this reeling of a key incident in the Cold War contains little that is new. But this is still a worthwhile account which draws its strength from the first-hand recollections. We hear from pilots who flew in the supplies, besieged Berliners who gratefully awaited them and a

former KGB man who gives the Soviet side. The story is no less heroic for being recounted yet again and the incidental detail is often telling, such as the use of dehydrated potato, the unloved Pom, because real potatoes were so heavy to carry. Most welcome to my ears is the Laif, Washington, Donald Soviet Union by our spy in the White House, MacLean. But by making Allied intentions clear, not least about the threat of the H-bomb, he may have helped to shorten the crisis.

NYPD Blue  
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The New York police series is rightly praised for its realism but the writers are not above a bit of contrivance if it makes a better script. Two apparently random cases are linked tonight by the coincidence of each investigation being obstructed by a relative of the witness. It happens when a Korean stall owner is shot dead in the market and his wealthy son threatens to throw the inquiry off course by offering a huge reward. It happens again when the mother of a nine-year-old rape victim accuses the wrong man. Needless to say, our sleuths are not fooled. In seeing that justice is done we are aware of how much "public access" means but we are also aware of children when we define it out loud. What the heck; public access, as tonight shows, means access for all the fringe groups on the planet. Peter Barnard

RADIO CHOICE

Composer of the Week: Samuel Barber  
Radio 3, 9.15pm

I imagine that large numbers of readers will be wishing that more people had the will of Samuel Barber, who, when he was nine years old, wrote to his mother: "I was meant to be a composer and I will be. I'm sorry I don't ask me to try to forget this unpleasant thing and go play football." Barber was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1910 and by the age of ten had composed an opera, *The Rose Garden*, using a libretto written by the family cook. Barber was a confirmed European, an attitude heavily influenced by his lifelong relationship with the Italian composer Gian Carlo Menotti; they met in 1928 and Barber was a regular visitor to Menotti's home in Cadejano and to Europe's cultural centres.

Postscript: This American Life  
Radio 3, 9.15pm

If you fear the worst about the future of British television and radio then tune into *Postscript* tonight and discover what the worst sounds like. I welcome to my ears the different view that the worst of American broadcasting tends to stay in America. *This American Life*, a five-part series, will look at programmes and programme areas that are never encountered here, and the series starts tonight in New York with the public access television station, Manhattan Neighbourhood Network (MNN). Of course we all know what "public access" means but we are aware of children when we define it out loud. What the heck; public access, as tonight shows, means access for all the fringe groups on the planet. Peter Barnard

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6.30am Kevn Greening and Zeb Ball 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Global Update 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mery Anne Hobbs 1.00am City Wanan 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Radio Young Musician 1998: The Final 9.30 Joe Brown's Good Rockin' Live 10.30 Richard Johnson 12.00am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Leas

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Wimbledon and World Cup 98. Tennis: Football John Inverdale presents commentary from Montecarlo on Germany v Mexico 7.00 World Cup 98. Ian Payne introduces commentary from Toulouse as Holland take on Yugoslavia 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.30 Ray Coles 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Carmen Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 3.30 Germany v Mexico - Live 6.30 Peter Deely 7.00 World Cup Phone-in Live 10.00 Live 10.00 James White 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overtun

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 Of the Shelf 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News (9.45 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Dealing to Differ 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Forecast News 10.30 News in German 10.35 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Jazznet 1.00 News (9.45 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Sports Roundup Extra 2.00 Newsdesk 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Welcome to my World 3.45 The Last Word 4.00 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway Access 4.30 Hot New Country (9.45 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Knight 6.30 Seven Days (9.45 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.20 Just 6 Minutes 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Hit List 9.00 NewsHour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 The World Luccarne 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Knight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack Hit List 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 UK and the Law 3.00 Newsday 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry serves up summer pudding 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Marham presents listener's favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. Chopin Concerto No 2 in F minor 3.00 News 3.05 Continuo Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. Sports updates and the latest headlines 7.30 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Burningham introduces easy-listening acoustic music. Evening Concerto. Mozart Violin Concerto No 5 in A major; Mendelssohn (Meditation, Trill); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A major); Ciaconna (Strasmore, Adriane Lecocquer); Pabst de Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen); Hevel (Baker) 11.00am All Night 2.00am Concerto. Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor) (1) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Elgar (Overture Rocking); Handel (Vardi Turbin, Fantasy); Holst (Pavane Suite); Paganini (Introduction and Allegro) 9.00 Masterworks, with Peter Hobbday. Includes Schubert (Overture Rosamunde); Haydn (String Quartet in E flat); Schubert, orch Reiger (Prometheus); Schumann (Konzertstück in F) 10.30 Artist of the Week: Margaret Price 12.00 Composer of the Week: Samuel Barber. See Choice 1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Catherine Bott, soprano, and Trio Sonnerie perform Handel (Cantata Amida Abbandonata, Trio Sonata in G The Flute and Flauto Alto Sparacuz); Vivaldi (Trio Sonata in D minor) 2.00 The BBC Orchestra. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Orm Vanska and Jezzy Masaryk with Schlegel Kingstom, soprano. Shostakovich (Symphony No 1); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat) 4.00 Songs at the Opera. Jeremy Searle looks at how the vocal arts played significant roles in operas by Mozart, Puccini and Rameau

4.45 Music Machine, with Verly Sharp 5.00 In Tune. Today, Sean Rafferty looks at some of the best of the 1970s and how it is celebrated as part of the Midweek 80 festival on the South Bank in London 7.30 Performance on 3. Petroc Trelawny introduces a concert of Czech music given last month in the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool. Eva Urbanova, soprano, Marta Benakova, mezzo. Ludovic Lutha, tenor. Peter Mikulas, bass. Ian Tracey, organ. Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Petr Altmir. Suk (Scherzo Fantasia); A Fairy Tale Suite; Janacek (Glagolitic Mass) 9.15 Postscript: This American Life. See Choice 9.35 Mrs Beach. Piano music by the American composer Amy Beach 10.00 Voices. Ian Burnside presents a selection of songs by men and women celebrating who they are and what they are 10.45 Making it, with Robert Wyatt 11.30 Jazzline. Digby Fernweather talks to his days with trombone legend, Milt Bennett about his work with Stan Kenton and Frank Sinatra 12.00 Composer of the Week: C.P.E. Bach (1) 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am Today, with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie. Includes 6.55 7.25 Weather 7.25 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 9.00 Start the Week, with the Times columnist Melynn 9.45 (FM) Serial: Intimate Death (2/5) 9.45 (LW) Daily Service. From St David's Cathedral, Farnborough 10.00 News: Woman's Hour, with Martha Kearney 11.00 News: Impostors. Stories of lives lived as lies written by Sarah Bunton and Nick Baker (2/3) (1) 11.30 Babylonian, by Christopher Fitz-Simon. With P.J. Mackenzie and Margaret D'Arcy (3/6) 12.00 (LW) News. Shipping 12.05 News: You and Yours 12.57pm Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.20 Newsdesk: Peter Snow chairs the grand final of this year's competition 2.00 News: The Archers (1) 2.15 News: Afternoon Play: Ben Sees It Through. Tony Robinson and Leslie Phillips star in J Jefferson Farson's 1930s thriller 3.00 Money Box Live. Call 0171-583 4444 3.30 Elementary My Dear Rankin. The crime writer Ian Rankin investigates the strange history of the police officer in Ormeau (1/5) 3.45 Crime Stories: Specially commissioned tales about hit man, con men, comedians and private eyes, written by Ian Rankin. Steven McNeill reads *The Chiv True Crime* (1/4) 4.00 News: The Food Programme: Derek Cooper investigates farmed salmon and naturally reared trout (1) 4.30 Four Corners, with Keith Aitken 5.00 PM 5.54 Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute. Nicholas Parsons is joined by Clement Freud, Kit Hesketh-DeVorey, Peter Jones and Derek Nimmo in the comedy panel game

7.00 News: The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Mark Lawson combs the bookstores in search of this summer's essential reading 7.45 Under One Roof. Under Walker, adapted from Michelle Harrison's story. With Paola Dionisotti, Edna Dore and Luisa Bradshaw-White (1/5) (1) 8.00 News: Going Underground. Five families are moving into new homes with a difference: they are built underground. Gill Dunnington asks if they provide lessons about living in a more environmentally friendly way (1) 8.30 Analysis. Has Tony Blair won a "Third Way" in politics, between the old Left and new Right? 9.00 News: Life on the Edge. Goff Watts travels to the Arctic Ocean to find out how nature survives the cold and what we can learn from it (1/2) 9.30 Start the Week (1) 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Searle and Black, by Stendhal, read by Greg Wise (1/10) (1) 11.00 Radio 4 Appeal. Nick Hargrave speaks on behalf of the Tuberculosis Sclerosis Association (1) 11.02 Extra Night on 4: Our Man at Wembley. A four-part comedy series, by SE Matthews, set in 1947. With Alistair McGowan and Jon Glover 11.30 (FM) A Night with Helen Starmann. Paul Allen talks to the astronomer and scientist about her experience of having travelled in space (6/6) (1) 12.00 News 12.30am The Last Book Store: a story for Lesley Forbes's first novel - a thriller about the images of Bombay. Abridged by Janet Hickson, adapted by the author and read by Hannel Walter (1/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service 5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer 5.47 Farning Today, with Anna Hill

FREQUENCY GUIDE: RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4, FM 82.4. CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1028. Television and radio listings compiled by Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McIlreera.

WORLD WATCHING

Answers from page 37

**SKEWES**  
(c) An acronym from S. Skewes (born 1899), the South African born mathematician. His name is used attributively and in the possessive to designate an extremely large number, relevant in the theory of the distribution of prime numbers, having the value exp(exp(79)). Pronounced as two syllables by the Skewes family. "A veritable giant in Skewes' number, even bigger than a googolplex."

**IRGUNCULE**  
(a) A young virgin. From the Latin diminutive of a virgin, *Max Beerholm*. *Zuleika Dobson*, 1911: "These are the virguncules of Sosserville and Lady Margaret's Hall; but beauty and the lust for learning have yet to be allied."

**SQUADRA**  
(b) In Italy, a paramilitary squad organised to support and promote Fascism; a Fascist cadre. The word is Italian for "squadron".

**WEI CHI**  
(c) A traditional Chinese board game of territorial possession, equivalent to Go. In Mandarin *wei* means to surround - *qi* chess. "The pattern recalls the Chinese game of *wei-chi* (known here by its Japanese name, Go), in which a player captures his opponent's counters by surrounding them with his own."

**SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE**  
1. E2 Bg2x2; 2. Kc2 and the black queen is trapped.

# Destroying landmines with a loose canon

**W**ith the publication of two silly books, Earl Spencer's television interview and the memorial concert, the Diana industry is in full flood at the moment. Her life and memory attract so much sentimentality, over-interpretation and ideological hijacking that I approached Diana's African Legacy, BBC's *Heart of The Matter* special (Sunday) with some trepidation.

I needn't have worried, though. This was a modest and thoughtful documentary, which took a balanced view of Diana's impact on the landmine problem in Angola, where she went on the first significant foray after her divorce. Crises in Third World countries tend to be famous for 15 minutes, so any programme that provides a progress report after the world's media have packed up and gone home is to be welcomed. Here British Red Cross Director General Mike Whittam's return was

intercut with "before" clips of his original visit with Diana. We caught up with Sandra, then a 13-year-old amputee who became fleeing an international media star. Back at the clinic for a new prosthesis, she remembered the Princess, but not Mr Whittam. She asked if he was the man who had sung at the funeral, which was odd because he was dressed entirely in normal clothing and his eyebrows were under control.

Angola has minefields like developed countries have virtual pets or mobile phones. As a means of separating zones held by the rival sides in the civil war they worked out cheaper and more effective than barbed wire. Vast swaths of agricultural land will remain unusable until the excruciatingly slow clearing process is completed. The consensus among the aid workers seemed to be that Diana's intervention had not yet made a permanent and lasting impact.

that the problem was so chronic it would require years of sustained effort and expense. Governments like our own had to actually ratify the treaty banning these horrible little devices. Nevertheless she had been enormously helpful and they were very, very grateful.

**I**t diminishes the Princess's humanity to present her as a saint and martyr. It shows a generous spirit, but it is not a huge sacrifice to work for charity if you are extremely wealthy and have a great deal of time at your disposal. She used her *Panorama* interview to set herself up in opposition to the Royal Family, but it is easy to forget that she has only heard of her because she was one of them. It was the manner of Diana's actions that mattered, and this was where the footage of her first visit was so fascinating. Those huge doe-eyes, the tall willowy figure and economical graceful move-

**REVIEW**



**Paul Hoggart**

The gentle, almost fey intonation and direct simplicity of speech, all oozed sincerity. She followed her instincts, winked out causes politicians preferred to ignore and in this case was called "a loose canon" for her pains. The in-laws simply couldn't compete. There was, to paraphrase Shakespeare, a daily beauty in her life, that made certain other people ugly. She also showed them how

royalty can make itself extraordinarily popular, and in that respect she may turn out to have done the dynasty a rather useful favour.

It is curious, though, that the Princess of Wales could inspire a sense of collective compassion in people who are willing to turn their backs on their own old folk. That, at least, was the situation as seen by Mary Goldring in *Golding: The Age Of Reasoning* (Sunday), the first of her two part contribution to Channel 4's *Cradle to Grave* season on the NHS.

There were two particularly poignant moments in this powerful example of television polemic. The first was yet more film of an exposed heart pumping away during open-heart surgery, but having seen this last Thursday on *The Human Body*, we should be getting used to it by now.

The second was the chillingly reasonable, managerial clarity with which Alan Maynard, profes-

or of Health Economics at York University, explained that you had to prioritise, and spending precious resources on treating younger patients gave you a much better return on your investment.

No wonder Goldring was cross. Herself a stroke victim, she presented a compelling list of ways in which the old were deliberately neglected and short-changed by the NHS in a covert policy of discrimination. Managers claim the public support their prioritising of the young, which of course they will if offered that false choice.

The weekend's television wasn't all mutilation, sickness and death. Some of it was much nastier. Victor Lewis-Smith's series *T.V. Official* (Channel 4), for instance, juddered to a halt on Friday night. It takes courage for a television critic, especially one as coruscating as Mr Lewis-Smith, to make a series of his own

and thus lay himself open to the abuse of the many professionals he has maulled in his reviews.

However, our hero found a novel solution to this problem by producing a series so unbelievably poor in every respect that most viewers will have watched it open-mouthed in disbelief and then completely lost for words. Clever.

Finally, I can't help feeling that ITV is being ripped off by Fantasy World Cup Live (ITV, Friday). Against Columbia, England had, at long last, given a performance of magnificent skill, flair and vision. Most of the country was in a state of euphoria.

Yet apart from a couple of glib references at the beginning of the show, the lads in the studio living-room treated us to the same dreary mix of tepid gags and pre-recorded clips. What is the purpose of this "live" programme if it cannot respond to events? They rose to the occasion like a lead balloon.

**BBC1**

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (1962436)

**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (T) (66523)

**9.00 All Over The Shop** Thora Hird, Vicki Michelle, Peter Kay and Antony Worrall Thompson compete in the consumer comedy game, presented by Paul Ross (T) (189549)

**9.20 Kilroy** Robert Kilroy-Silk invites an audience to thrash out topical issues (T) (1489558)

**10.00 Meet the Challenge Debbie** Flint presents a new game show. With celebrity hairdresser Trevor Sorbie, and designers Graham Wynne and Liz Wagstaff (T) (293375)

**10.25 Style Challenge Classics** John Leslie and Sharna Lowry present a compilation of past celebrity fashions, featuring Mike Bygrave, Rose-Marie and Frank Carson (290962)

**10.55 Short Changes** How to transform a bathroom mirror (456302)

**11.00 News (T) and weather** (232323)

**11.05 Around the World in 80 Days** Michael Palin sets off from London on route to Venice for the first leg of his attempt to emulate the adventures of Phileas Fogg - by circumnavigating the globe (T) (1477417)

**11.55 News (T) and weather** (912875)

**12.00 Every Second Counts (T)** (67287)

**12.30pm Neighbours (T)** (5775438)

**12.55 West World** A Victoria Collins visits The Old Operating Theatre in London (4887542)

**1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather** (61610)

**1.30 Regional News (T)** (97927417)

**1.40 Wimbledon 98** Coverage of today's matches on Centre Court and Court Number One as both the men's and women's singles as they reach the last 16. Introduced by Steve Rider. There is also coverage on BBC2 (14473349)

**5.35 Neighbours** Geoff goes to live in Ben's rehabilitation (T) (714894)

**6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather** (726)

**6.30 Regional News (T)** (338)

**7.00 EastEnders** Tiffany tries to soothe Grant. Mark aims to save Arthur's allotment from the property developers, and Sarah does not know whether she should pass on what she has learnt about Terry's past (T) (9368)

**7.30 World Cup 98 Live** Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage from Toulouse of the match between Holland and Yugoslavia (kick-off 8pm) (T) (530813)

**NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration**

**10.00 News (T) regional news and weather** (82788)

**10.30 Sudden Fury** (1993) Suspense drama with Neil Patrick Harris. Drama based on a true story, about the disturbed son of a devoted couple being charged with their murder. Directed by Craig Badley (T) (51961)

**12.00 Dark of the Sun** (1968) Rod Taylor plays a mercenary escorting an armoured train loaded with diamonds through war-torn West Africa in the 1960s. Jack Cardiff directs Thriller, also starring Kenneth More, Yvette Mimieux and Bill Brown. Directed by Jack Cardiff (T) (330473)

**1.45am BBC News 24**

**BBC2**

**6.10am The Golden Thread** (7477436) 6.35 *Just Like a Girl* (2440252)

**7.00 Teletubbies** (2524097) 7.25 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (4626542) 7.45 Blue Peter (T) (768297) 8.15 Top Gear: Space Race (7712510) 8.35 Teddy Trucks (7183639) 8.45 Harry and the Hendersons (4866504) 9.10 A Passion for Angling (1982487) 10.00 Teletubbies (47542) 10.30 The History Man (1927405)

**10.40 So Long at the Fair** (b/w, 1950) Thriller, starring Dirk Bogarde, Jean Simmons, David Tomlinson and Honor Blackman. An Englishman's brother disappears during a trip to France. Directed by Terence Fisher and Anthony Damborough (T) (8859875)

**12.00 Wimbledon 98** Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce the action from day seven at the All-England Club. Commentary by John Barrett and Bill Threlfall (4344681)

**2.40pm News (T) regional news and weather** (7731894)

**2.45 Wimbledon 98** Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce further action from day seven at the All-England Club as the men and women play for a place in the quarter-finals (T) (99849146)

**8.30 The Travel Show** Juliet Morris enjoys a vacation in Jamaica. Jim White samples a family break along the Norfolk Broads. Plus: a couple of willing travellers visit a surprise destination (T) (5165)

**9.00 The Simpsons** Homer rallies the nuclear power plant's workers against Mr Burns when their medical benefits are threatened (T) (282271)

**9.25 Today at Wimbledon** Round-up of the day's action (T) (8744788)

**10.28 Video Nation** Caribbean Shorts (T) (628417)

**10.30 Newswright** presented by Gordon Brewer (T) (883078)

**11.15 Made in Manchester** Local organist Wayne Marshall prepares for a classical recital (283320)

**11.45 Lost in France** Grant goes Gallic in a commendable effort to get to grips with the lingo, while Terry deals with death on a couple to the big event. Football sagas with Gillian Taylor, Michael Sheen and Sammy Johnson (T) (772165)

**11.55 Weather** (669252)

**12.00 The Midnight Hour** (62189)

**12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: The Jewish Enigma** (40475) 1.00 Dialogue in the Dark (62740) 1.30 Seville: Gateway to the Indies (77160) 2.00 Body Matters: Nuts and Bolts of the Mind (55768) 3.00 MRI: A Window into the Human Body (11498) 4.00 World Cup 98 (693379) 11.00 Games Masters (T) (3223349)

**1.10 Sports** (692399)

**HTV**

**6.00am GMTV** (1957504)

**9.25 This Morning (T)** (4991320)

**9.30 Vanessa (T)** (1462368)

**10.10 This Morning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (T)** (3942962)

**12.15pm Regional News** (2632707)

**12.30 News (T) and weather** (15368)

**1.00 WALES: Animal Country** (63078)

**1.00 BLT** (63078)

**1.30 Home and Away (T)** (14639)

**2.00 The Jerry Springer Show** Continental chat (T) (4272349)

**2.45 WALES: House to Home** (234010)

**2.45 BLT** (234010)

**3.15 World Cup 98 Live: Bob Wilson** presents coverage of the second round match between the winners of group F, Germany and the runners-up in group E, Mexico from Montpellier (kick-off 3.30) (T) (88593184)

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**5.30 Home and Away (T)** (881)

**6.00 News (T) and weather** (215271)

**6.20 Regional News** News and items of interest around the region (T) (324184)

**7.00 Wheel of Fortune** presented by John Leslie (T) (4436)

**7.30 Coronation Street** Jim tries to end his suffering. Emily is shocked by Spidey's confession (T) (558)

**8.00 Dave** (1993) Comedy with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. A lookalike is hired to stand in for the American President while he enjoys a romantic liaison. Directed by Ivan Reitman (T) (6368)

**10.00 News (T) and weather** (80184)

**10.30 Regional News** (551829)

**10.40 World Cup 98 - Encore** Highlights of today's second round matches featuring Germany v Mexico and Holland v Yugoslavia (521691)

**11.40 Look Who's Talking** (1989) with John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Olympia Dukakis, with the voice of Bruce Willis. Romantic comedy about the changing relationship between a single mother and the cab driver who looks her to the maternity hospital, as seen through the eyes of baby Mike. Directed by Amy Heckerling (T) (981252)

**1.25 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol** (8472914)

**2.15 World Football (T)** (30160)

**2.45 Club/Version (T)** (3851540)

**3.30 Vanessa (T)** (1891634)

**4.00 Judge Judy** (6449352)

**4.25 ITV Nightvision** (2423276) 5.00 Coronation Street (T) (T) (24092) 5.30 News (83672)

**CENTRAL**

As HTV West except:

**1.00pm A Country Practice** (63078)

**1.30 The Jerry Springer Show** (5146900)

**2.45-3.15 High Road** (234010)

**6.20-7.00 Central News** (324184)

**3.00am Vanessa** (1891634)

**4.05 Central Jobfinder '98** (9330653)

**5.20 Asian Eye** (6105668)

**WESTCOUNTRY**

As HTV West except:

**12.15pm Westcountry News** (1823707)

**12.27-12.30 Illuminations** (7055964)

**1.00 High Road** (63078)

**1.30 The Jerry Springer Show** (5146900)

**2.45-3.15 Westcountry Update** (234010)

**6.20-7.00 Westcountry News** (324184)

**MERIDIAN**

As HTV West except:

**12.15-12.30 Meridian News and Weather** (1623707)

**1.00-1.30 Shortland Street** (63078)

**2.45-3.15 At Home** (234010)

**6.20-7.00 Meridian Tonight** (324184)

**5.00am Freshscreen** (24092)

**ANGLIA**

As HTV West except:

**12.19pm Anglia Air Watch** (3455900)

**1.00-1.30 Hope and Gloria** (63078)

**2.45-3.15 Stepping the World** (234010)

**6.18 Anglia Weather** (456591)

**6.20-7.00 Anglia News** (324184)

**10.29 Anglia Air Watch** (64271)

**S4C**

Starts 7.00pm The Big Breakfast (51233)

**9.00 FILM: The Gang's All Here** (1943) Billy Berkeley musical (50146894)

**10.55 Borderline** (4665558)

**11.00 Baby Baby** (8261)

**11.30 Fruity Stones** (1320)

**12.00pm Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures** (87097)

**12.30 Sesame Street** (91310)

**1.00 Slot Melthrin** (14883962)

**1.15 MIM** (1488417)

**1.30 Australia Wild** (41851)

**2.00 To the Ends of the Earth: Danger UXO** (40638)

**3.00 Real Gardens** (5177)

**3.30 Watercolour Challenge** (252)

**4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (287)

**4.30 Countdown** (271)

**5.00 5 Pump** (9679366)

**5.15 Fleil** (1708355)

**5.30 Pet Rescue** (523)

**6.00 Newyddion** (61575165)

**7.10 Heno** (246287)

**7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (384851)

**7.25 T! Di Gweld?** (250455)

**8.00 Cwib Garddio** (1726)

**8.00 Newyddion** (3953)

**9.00 Y Byd Ar Beddar** (8405)

**9.30 FILM: The Field** (1990) Richard Harris plays a stubborn tenant farmer in 1930s Ireland whose land attracts the attention of a wealthy American when it is put up for auction (24517417)

**11.35 NYPD Blue** (1125252)

**12.30am Secret History: Killer Film** (33301)

**1.30 Trackside** (37178)

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.00am Sesame Street** (T) (87287)

**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (T) (51233)

**9.00 The Gang's All Here** (1943) A nightclub entertainer (Alec Hays) is pursued by a soldier with a Camry Miranda Directed by Burt Berkeley (50146894)

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**12.30pm Light Lunch** With guests Melvyn Bragg and Mark Lawson (T) (14894) 1.30 The Three Stooges (21400862) 1.50 Dolphins (68779436)

**1.55 Dentist in the Chair** (1960, b/w) Farical comedy with Bob Monkhouse and Ronnie Stevens. Directed by Don Chaffey (T) (80103800)

**3.30 Watercolour Challenge** from Glynn Marnock in South Wales (T) (252) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (287) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5348436) 4.55 Montel Williams: Women who Use Men (T) (7110417)

**5.30 Pet Rescue** Following five orphaned puppies (T) (523)

**6.00 Bob Meets World** (T) (436)

**6.30 Hollyoaks** The Richardses receive some serious news (T) (788)

**7.00 Channel 4 News (T)** (4146)

**8.00 Goldring: End of an Illusion** See Critic's Choice. Mary Goldring looks into how health authorities ration resources and whether the health service needs a radical rethink on the way it is funded (T) (3894)

**9.00 [REDACTED] Secret History: The Berlin** [REDACTED] Airlift. The greatest air operation to date to save Berlin from Stalin's siege (T) (6559)

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**9.30 FILM: The Field** (1990) Richard Harris plays a stubborn tenant farmer in 1930s Ireland whose land attracts the attention of a wealthy American when it is put up for auction (24517417)

**11.35 NYPD Blue** (1125252)

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**2.30 Open House** with Gloria Hunniford with guests the chef David Harvey and Impressionist Bill Kenwright (950726)

**3.30 A Night in Casablanca** (1946, b/w) Not quite classic Max Brothers comedy. As the new manager of an hotel in Casablanca, Groucho is unaware that three of his predecessors were killed by a Nazi. Archie Mayo directs (8201166)

**5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Millennium Time Capsule** (1938994)

**6.00 100 Per Cent** (3621469)

**6.30 Family Affairs** Nick lets Barbara know he is still considering her request for a divorce (T) (3721251)

**7.00 5 News** (6318879)

**7.30 Hot Property** Sandy Mitchell looks at three houses that have been modified to make them ideal accommodation for disabled people (T) (7321225)

**8.00 The Fulfillment of Mary Gray** (1988, T.V.M) with Cheryl Ladd. British actor Lewis Smith. Period drama about a couple who are desperate to have a child. Piers Haggard directs (3730320)

**9.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update** (7588542)

**11.00 The Survival Game** (2.00 To the Edge of the World 1.00am Close

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# BUSINESS



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MONDAY JUNE 29 1998

## Business failures rise 10% as rates and sterling bite

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE number of business failures jumped by nearly 10 per cent in the second quarter of the year, providing firm evidence that interest rate rises and the strong pound are beginning to inflict serious damage on the corporate sector.

Small businesses are bearing the brunt of the slowdown with the number of failures rising by nearly 25 per cent over the previous quarter, according to a quarterly survey conducted by Dun & Bradstreet published today.

Separate employment statistics, also published today, show that pressures on the labour market may be beginning to ease. The Manpower third-quarter survey of employment prospects reveals that there has been no acceleration in labour market growth compared with the same period last year.

City analysts, however, admit they are uncertain as to what course of action the Bank will take. Last month's quarter-point increase took most of the City by surprise, while the economic data during the last few weeks has been mixed with a succession of weak surveys from manufacturing

offset by some strong earnings and inflation data. The Dun & Bradstreet survey found 10,051 business failures in the second quarter of this year, an increase of 9.4 per cent compared with the previous three months and some 4 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

The worst hit region was East Anglia where failures rose by almost a half, while there were rises of around 25 per cent in the East Midlands and South West. In contrast, business failures in London actually declined by nearly 12 per cent over the first quarter of the year.

Philip Mellor, senior analyst for D&B, said: "There are worrying signs in these latest figures which will need to be checked during the rest of the year."

The Manpower survey showed that the balance of employers expecting an increase in employment registered 20 per cent, the first time in two years that there has been no year-on-year improvement in employment prospects.

"What the task force can say to ministers is that we have to think through how this is going to work if unemployment rises. We need systems and processes that are robust." Sir Peter Davis, head of the New Deal Taskforce. Interview page 46

## PowerGen ready for £2bn deal

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND MARTIN BARROW

POWERGEN will today announce the acquisition of East Midlands Electricity for almost £2 billion. The company, Britain's second largest generator, may also set out its plans to merge with Houston Industries of America.

The takeover of East Midlands, financed via a £2 billion loan arranged on Friday, will be accompanied by a pledge to divest power stations as PowerGen falls into line with the Government's plan to increase competition.

East Midlands is being sold by Dominion Resources, one of a succession of US companies to target the privatised UK power industry. Attracted by the deregulated market and lack of competition in the early 1990s, Dominion has become concerned at the rapid changes in the industry, including the arrival of new operators and strong Government regulation.

National Power, PowerGen's larger rival, will be told this week it must divest up to half of its total UK generating capacity. The demand will be made by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, when he publishes his report into the pricing of electricity in the pool - the power marketplace.

Professor Littlechild's demand is likely to trigger a confrontation with National Power which has already said it does not intend to sell power stations.

The dispute has raised concerns that National Power may seek a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. A lengthy MMC inquiry could seriously damage the Government's plans, announced last week, to rescue the coal industry.

Professor Littlechild's inquiry followed protests from consumers who argue that electricity prices are kept artificially high because the three main generators - National PowerGen and Eastern - control the market through bidding mechanisms.

Professor Littlechild signalled earlier this month that he wanted the largest generators to sell power stations in order to stimulate competition in generation. But the support he now has from the Government - made clear when it published its energy review - will enable him to demand tough measures.

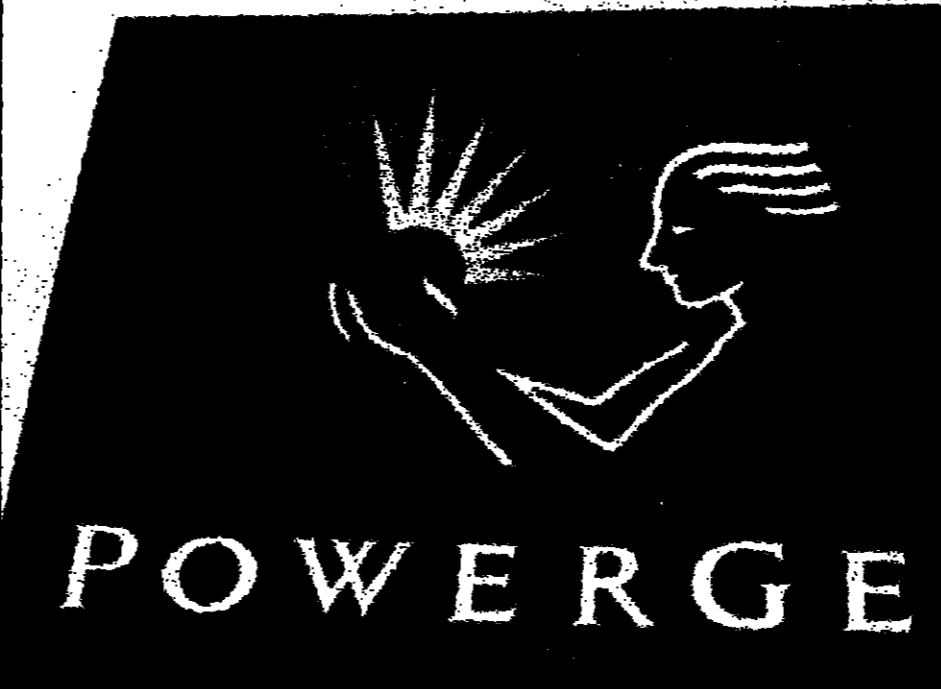
It is thought that he could try to force the generators to sell up to half of their coal-fired power stations. He believes that competition has to be stimulated by this method following the Government's effective moratorium on new gas-fired power stations which was a key part of its energy review.

PowerGen has already signalled to Professor Littlechild and the Government that it would be ready to sell up to 2 gigawatts of capacity. In return, PowerGen would hope to receive consent from Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, for its takeover of East Midlands.

Professor Littlechild may force it to pay a higher price for its long-held ambitions and seek a sale of twice that amount. National Power wants no such favours from the Government and is likely to dig its heels in. It has said that it believes it has shed sufficient power stations to secure competition in generation.

East Midlands Electricity serves two million homes in and around Coventry, Warwickshire and Staffordshire. The company was taken over in May 1997.

Ed Wallis, chairman of PowerGen, has been campaigning to be allowed to buy a regional electricity company since his previous attempt to take over neighbouring Midlands Electricity, was thwarted by the Conservative government two years ago. PowerGen will argue the industry has changed dramatically since then, with some 40 companies competing in generation, compared with fewer than 20 in 1996.



Power brokers: Peter Hickson, PowerGen finance director, with Ed Wallis, chairman

## Japan brings forward bank rescue plan

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Japanese Government said yesterday it is aiming to put together a bank rescue package a week earlier than expected in a desperate effort to stave off a renewed collapse in the value of the yen.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party announced it would unveil details of a state supported "bridge" bank, to assume banking sector bad loans, by Thursday rather than the original target date of July 8.

Kanezo Muraoka, chief government spokesman, said Japan would also convene an extraordinary session of Parliament in July to pass any necessary legislation. The Japanese banking sector is estimated to be weighed down by bad loans totalling some 77 trillion yen (£35 billion).

The Government is also expected to try and help push forward plans to merge the troubled Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan with Sumitomo Trust.

The Japanese Government is nervous that the impact of the estimated \$2 billion joint Japanese-US intervention in the foreign exchange markets is already wearing off and the Japanese currency could be on the verge of another big decline.

The yen had slipped back to 143 to the dollar by late on Friday, only just off the lows set earlier in June which originally triggered the need for intervention. Traders refused to rule out renewed intervention this week but said that only a firm plan to reform the ailing bank sector would help to restore long-term calm to the markets.

Fresh attacks on the yen could come as early as this morning when the quarterly Tankan report, which provides a snapshot of the state of the economy, is released.

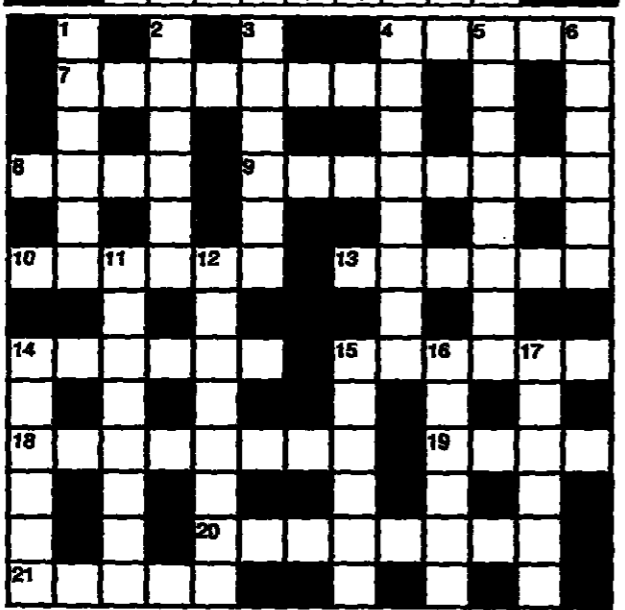
Over the weekend, the US and China agreed to maintain pressure on Japan to introduce reforms designed to boost its flagging economy. President Bill Clinton again praised China for its refusal to devalue its currency, the yuan, despite clear evidence that Chinese exporters were beginning to suffer in the face of regional devaluations and the weak yen.

"China has shown great statesmanship and strength in making a strong contribution to the stability, by maintaining the value of their currency," President Clinton said.

Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, added his call yesterday for Japan to press ahead with reform plans. Mr George said that he believed "financial fragility is compounding the economic weakness and adding to the lack of confidence". He expected that Japan would get its act together in the second half of this year, ending the threat that the yen will go into freefall.

Mr George also gave warning that the chances of a "downward adjustment" in equity markets were greater than chances that the market would keep rising. Mr George said that while some of the recent rise in markets was a justified response to a "fall in yields on risk free assets", there was still a "continuing increase in earnings which stretches credibility a bit".

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## Biotech denies future role for McCullagh

BY PAUL DURMAN

AS BRITISH Biotech's Keith McCullagh prepares for a grilling by a committee of MPs on Wednesday, the troubled drug development company has denied rumours that he intends to retain a key role after he steps down as chief executive in September.

David Simpson, a company spokesman, said: "Keith is leaving the company." He said retaining Dr McCullagh as a director was "not the plan".

When Dr McCullagh agreed last month to retire as chief executive, British Biotech said it had still to be decided whether he would continue as a director. Industry sources have since suggested that he was planning to succeed John Raisman, the company's

chairman, who is also expected to leave after this year's annual shareholder meeting. Dr McCullagh's recent comments to others in the sector



McCullagh: faces grilling

have been interpreted as indicating his intention to remain involved in British Biotech's management. Dr McCullagh has also continued to play a leading role in presentations to investors and City analysts.

Some institutional investors are strongly opposed to him retaining any management role. His credibility has been damaged by evidence that British Biotech has repeatedly failed to tell investors about serious problems with its cancer and pancreatic drugs.

Dr McCullagh has been called to appear before the House of Commons science and technology select committee, which is concerned that the scandal has damaged the UK biotech industry.

## GEC looks to take on Marconi name

BY MARTIN BARROW

LORD SIMPSON of Dunkeld is ringing the changes at GEC. A succession of disposals and acquisitions is reshaping Britain's biggest defence and engineering company as the new managing director unravels the legacy of Lord Weinstock, his predecessor.

The next change could be the boldest yet: Lord Simpson has asked executives to consider dropping the GEC name. Lord Simpson, George Simpson until he was enabled by Tony Blair, has chosen not to adopt Labour's Cool Britannia approach, jettisoning the old in favour of the new. He prefers extending the

venerable name of Marconi, GEC's defence arm, across the whole group.

A company spokesman yesterday confirmed a change of name was being considered, but was unlikely to be quickly implemented. The company pointed to recent name changes of subsidiaries, including the new Marconi North America, which combines GEC Marconi and the recently acquired Tracor, and the new Marconi Communications.

The new name would have particular resonance in America, where Britain's GEC is often unfavourably compared with General Electric.

## No firm offers for Selfridges

SEARS, the struggling retail group, said it was pressing ahead with plans to demerge its Selfridges division and had received no offers for the famous Oxford Street department store (Dominic Walsh writes).

Stuart Rose, the former Argos chief executive, was reported to be seeking venture capital backing for a £400 million bid for Selfridges ahead of next month's flotation.

A spokesman for Sears said the company had received "four or five expressions of interest but no offers" and was confident the demerger would go ahead as planned.

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